"SINCE THE BRISTOL RIOTS"

COMMUNIQUES FROM THE FAI, ELF & OTHER ATTACKS

2011 - 2014
"...The August insurrection showed up the majority of UK “anarchists” and “revolutionaries” as cowardly citizens who though they like to whine and complain about the “evils” of the world, are fundamentally content as passive slaves. Currently most UK “anarchists” appear happily bitter simply tagging along behind state socialists and liberals as the impotent “good conscience” and/or the “rowdy margin” who wear black and use swear words...”

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SOLIDARITY WITH THE INCENDIARY ANARCHIST MINORITY IN BRISTOL AGAINST THE MEDIA & STATE REPRESSION

FOR TOTAL WAR & THE END OF CIVILITY

NOT 1 STEP BACK - 9MM IN THE HEADS OF THE ENEMY

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Introduction

“Two years after the major UK riots we think an important door was opened for radical and combative refusal of our daily existence on a wide scale. For those of us who took to the streets it was a breath of clean air in the dungeons, a reminder that the encroachment and control is not complete. Even when the apathy and isolation seems to have taken hold again we continue our attacks. The police and security industry specialise in making us feel powerless in our own lives, and making these attacks goes a long way to overcoming this feeling.”

Angry Foxes Cell in collaboration with ACAB

“Since the Bristol Riots” is a collection of communiques from the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and other anonymous attacks in the Bristol area since (and including) the riots in April 2011 until October 2014. This is the first compiled list of of it’s kind, thanks in part to the anonymous poster published last year ‘Some Anarchist Attacks in Bristol’ from 2011-2013 fulfilling much of the research for this project. However not all of these attacks were claimed by anarchists, it’s worth noting.

The communiques include attacks targeted against police, banks, prisons, military, security services, courts, state, church, fascists, media, communications infrastructure, corporations and more. Some are short and to the point, others are more in-depth analysis and reflection. Additionally included is a selection of over a dozen articles related to this time frame and context, such as reports of the Stokes Croft riots and recent police repression against the broader anarchist movement as they investigate the incendiary minority.

As the mainstream media talk of ‘over 50 attacks in the past four years’, presented here is over 60 attacks from the past two and a half, ignoring unreported actions [2], missed reports [3] and censored communiques. This highlights the inaccuracy of papers like The Daily Mail who fail to do their research, fabricating a wild story that the attacks are the work of a lone - and bizarrely male - ‘Bristol Unabomber’. Predictably this couldn’t be further from the truth, as the diversity of attacks and communiques show.

Furthermore the insurrectionist and anonymous attacks in Bristol did not start after the riots, as the title of this publication may suggest, but long before. While there is much focus on the past few years by the mainstream press, communiques of this kind have been frequent for over a decade, since the development of Indymedia and anonymous online communication.

Attacks against both Trinity Rd and Newfoundland Rd police stations have been a popular tradition for over a decade, integrated into Bristol’s rich history of anarchist attack, such as in solidarity with the 2008 Uprising in Greece as well as ELF and ALF actions.

As the public theorises over who are committing these crimes, while the media distorts them, and the anarchist milieu predominantly criticises or condemns them, this collection of communiques provides an extended voice for the anonymous saboteurs, anarchists and others. To understand why these attacks are happening, for what reason, and how these individuals identify politically, it’s recommended to read their words and statements for clarity.

It would be stupid to try and describe what motive all these attacks have in common, or what shared politics these individuals uphold, and it’d also be wrong to do so. Each attack is by a unique established group of individual(s), with a diversity of anonymous cloaks, presenting varying ideological viewpoints. The beauty of the insurrectionist movement you might say.

So if you’re interest is to homogeneously categorise and represent these ideas and attacks, then
you've pick up the wrong zine or clicked on the wrong link. The purpose of this collection of communiques is not to harmonise them together for their shared attributes, such as method of attack or use of language, but to display each individually on their own merit.

For reference sake, photos have been included predominantly from the mainstream press, some were submitted with the communiques, others have been included after to brighten up the pages. Sources have not been included, as explained below they either came from UK/Bristol Indymedia, 325 or Act For Freedom Now, with Indymedia often censoring them.

**Communication portals**

“*Their hostility to our projects is nothing surprising, as IMC UK & Bristol are tiny forums for the last desperate cries of the British activist herd who are stuck in the mire of legalism and so-called ‘direct’ democracy.*” *Anarchist-nihilists*

This comes at a time not only when the repression against known anarchists has increased of late, but after Bristol Indymedia finally shuts down it’s project due to a police raid. Fortunately the communication portals 325 and Act For Freedom Now! continue to release statements from the incendiary anarchist minority, despite ongoing investigation into various attacks. Without them and other projects we would not have these communiques, let alone this zine.

Times have changed dramatically since only a few years ago when Bristol/UK Indymedia would be the primary source of anonymous communiques. Many of the 2011 reports in this list were initially (or exclusively) published on Indymedia’s, but over the past few years Indymedia UK has increased it’s informal censorship, while it’s sister IMC Bristol went on hiatus for a re-vamp – only to re-open in 2014 to formally censor articles that “advocate criminal activity” with it’s new guidelines. [4] Naturally this included most communiques of anonymous attack that were considered inciteful, or could be considered so, or just interesting analysis.

Anarchist portals such as 325 have different guidelines for publishing, 325 state they “*...give consideration to every report we receive...*” [5], however if the communique is ideologically legalist in it’s writing for example, it may not be published. The advantage however with these portals are that it provides an international informal network and an alternative media outlet, which often finds itself translated into other languages, whilst continuing to publish direct action reports. This is much more than can be said for the remains of the Indymedia network nationally and even internationally, *but for some of us we are still obliged to adapt to these newer frameworks to communicate our attacks to our comrades and enemies.*

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**Changing of attacks**

This may explain a decrease in reported actions. The accessibility of open publishing forums such as Indymedia led to dozens of communiques of anonymous attacks, while in 2013 there were half that. While some may have been missed by collective research, it seems likely that attacks are less likely to be reported, or happen, without DIY publishing forums.

Whereas in 2011 and 2012 many smaller-scale attacks were reported usually anonymously or just by ‘Anarchists’, by 2013 and 2014 the bulk of the attacks are arson and by FAI cells. Usually relying on portals such as 325 to publish the communiques - rather than risk Indymedia censoring them, which has now become the norm.
It’s also hardly surprising FAI communiques are now more likely to be reported to an international informal network, rather than just the remains of Indymedia’s corpse, given that these communiques are diffused internationally via translation networks.

While this could be a coincidence or related to increasing repression within the anarchist movement, it seems likely that the recent lack of open-publishing forums willingness to broadcast these communiques is additionally a reason for their decline.

“Since [the August 2011 Revolt] other anarcho-insurrectionalists in the UK have further criticised the crap we’ve come to term ‘civil anarchism’, which like good citizens continues to talk and walk the road of obedience to the State and the reactionary mores of Society.”  DMP

With this in mind, this publication is dedicated to Darko Mathers, as stated before a friend and comrade of the social war, and is intended as a follow up to his ‘August 2011 Revolt’. I’m certain that Darko would be satisfied with this effort to present the anonymous minority by reproducing their communiques through this zine. Therefore this publication is yet another DMP release, continuing his legacy which also includes ‘Anarchy: Civil or Subversive?’ – a must read for anyone critical of the civil anarchist mandate against insurrectionist activity.

Person(s) unknown is however a new project, continuing from the first release- ‘Militant Forces Against HLS (MFAH), Blackmail 3 and The SHAC Model’ - in June 2014.

Unlike other collectives, our distribution is currently self-managed autonomously, as we previously minimalised communication. Although we now have an email for communication and website to host current and future publications, so our hope is that it will now develop into an informally organised distribution network, and encourage communication for the purpose of distribution, submissions and feedback.

For antagonistic struggle,
Person(s) unknown

Solidarity with the anonymous individuals of the FAI, ELF and other attacks.
Solidarity with the individuals facing repression in Bristol and elsewhere.
A shout out to Badger - stay free comrade. Until our paths cross again.

Notes
[2] Attacks without a communique, but reports by a by-stander have not been included, such as; Police collaborators Pieminister graffitied in St Nick’s Market on 10-8-11. A nice action, but with no communique.
[3] This has already been updated after release with three actions missed, so there could be more missed still.
[5] Contact form from 325: http://325.nostate.net/?page_id=144
"We are the "lost kids" angry and disappointed by false promises, the "uncontrollable youth" unsatisfied with the paltry futures offered to us, the "useless components" who reject or are excluded anyway from wage-slavery or the "disruptive elements" who fight to destroy it from within, the "minority of trouble-makers" within the constructs of obedient-hierarchical-racist-patriarchal normality, the "hooded rioters" within the constant revolt against all that and more. We are your children, and those of your society. And it is time today for the components of that society to decide if they will be the hand trying to stop us, or the hand lighting their own conspiracy for self-determination."

Huw 'Badger' Norfolk
just another fugitive
October 2011
A riot starts after a 160 strong multi-regional police force coordinated assault shuts down a district and breaks down the door of a squat named ‘Telepathic Heights’ in Bristol.

The cops then violently harass local people and get attacked in return. Telepathic Heights is in the busy cultural area of Stokes Croft, Bristol, where there are many bars, cafes, squats, community projects, etc. 300 people fight the police for hours and hours in response to the police occupation of the neighbourhood. A corporate supermarket is looted and destroyed, whilst none of the other (independently-owned) shops on the streets are touched in the disturbance.

Everyone is in the streets. Barricades are lit, the cops face an anger that has not been seen for a long time. It seems like it is just beginning. Bristol has been burning now for some time... it will be a hot year of discontent. 9 people are arrested: 5 from the street, and 4 from Telepathic Heights accused of possession and manufacture of molotovs.
Rioting erupts again late at night after a demo/party against the recent police brutality – The fighting breaks out of the activist ghetto and every underdog can become an instigator, mainly due to the police causing chaos through horse charges and riot unit surges – The tension grows deeper.

One week after the Telepathic Heights raid, people gathered to fight and protest police occupation, against the wishes of the hated ‘community leaders/spokespeople’, ‘business representatives’ and other pathetic individuals pleading ‘peace’ with the class enemies. Running battles with police riot units all the way up Cheltenham road, burning barricades in St.Pauls, trouble in Cotham, widespread disorder and violent resistance against the cops in the affected areas. 15 people are reported by mainstream media as being arrested in the disturbance.

Reports circulating that Horfield prison has also erupted in a prison riot, news of which is being suppressed. Also, a few days earlier police had suppressed a film night about the riots held in a residential area with a massive police presence, leading the film to be shown in a residents back garden.

*Let’s make fighting the police a hot and fun summer delight and spread the rage into other cities – Let’s see Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, London burning with an anti-police – anti-system fire! Ambush!*  
*‘let’s show these bastards what a real crisis looks like.’*

**Update 30.4.11:** 1 comrade remains inside the cells in Bristol from Telepathic Heights, accused of manufacture + possession of molotovs + making threats with the items. Others arrested that night have received charges or are on bail, whilst a few have already been before the judge receiving low penalties. Official arrests from the last 24 hours now number 30 – Most are out on conditional bail. Arrest support gorup formed.
Fires set in attack at probation unit

May 4, 2011

last night we torched three big vans inside the "secured" compound of the probation office in saint pauls - just off stokes croft, bristol. we recognise the probation service as a soft-cog of the workings of the state, keeping tabs and tags on you, trying to make you calm down, when all within your vision and grasp reeks of the shit they would have us swallow. they don't crack your skull or wear a padded uniform but they sure as hell sell you out as a living breathing human being, these robots of the courts should be treated with contempt at every chance.

the defenders of the existing order - and indeed its' false critics - want stoke's croft /saint pauls to return to the quasi-militarized surveyed "normality" of Capitalist Peace. for those who break with this cage and choose to start their battle for complete liberation here and now in their surroundings, who choose the fierce joy and sometimes overwhelming passion of a life striking against the tensions mediating their existence, this Peace can no longer exist. WE DO NOT WANT TO RETURN TO THEIR "NORMALITY", NOR COULD WE WITHOUT FEELING THE WEIGHT IN OUR HEARTS OF THE LIE. as we have seen, this tension is not felt by us only...

in revenge and solidarity for all the arrested in the stoke’s croft riots and telepathic hights eviction, for the taunton squatters, for those raided in london, brighton, edinburgh, bologna... but mostly for ourselves.

we also send our warmest anarchist greetings to our unknown comrades in fire in nottingham, and welcome the recent attacks on banks in birmingham. we return the salute from the 1st may statement from linz.

until next time

informalanarchists

Banks smashed in solidarity with Stokes Croft rebels

June 1, 2011

Action against banks claimed in Solidarity with Stokes Croft rebels.

In the early hours of June 1st TWO banks on Gloucester Road in Bristol had the majority of their windows and ATMs smashed out with hammers. This was in despite of the still increasing number of high quality security cameras along that stretch of road and the surrounding area, and despite of the fact that those involved knew it was a well used police route. Bleached clean hammers were used to avoid finger prints and masks and all disposable clothes were used for the cameras.

This was done in the spirit of Bristol’s rebels. The Stokes Croft riot was not the result of, but related strongly to a campaign that had exhausted every possibility to stop the unwanted supermarket. The people took the only logical step that was left and in doing so empowered themselves beyond their own expectations. The joy on their faces was enough evidence of this. We believe this clear demonstration of self-management and spontaneous street level organisation was perhaps more of a threat to the police and current social system than the violence against them on those days of rage (although it is clear that one cannot be separated
from the other).

We also desire autonomy and we hope to see more such self-empowerment from our neighbourhood. We encourage people to organise themselves for themselves and against this culture of cooperation with the authorities.

We recognise no legitimacy in the police or the justice system. We hope to spread this sentiment through practical means. We hope this act against two symbols of wealth and inequality plays its part in revealing the almost invisible yet ironically total conflict we are forced to endure in our daily lives. Better yet that it gives one a sense of the potential and irrepressible power we have over our lives.

It hurts deeply inside of us when we see people talking with police on these streets or condemning rioters without intelligent critique. We have a huge level of disgust reserved for the media and liberal demographic that has reduced the level of tension surrounding Stokes Croft through its intense moral conditioning. For those who fought on those days, we say this: it was perfectly rational, do not feel guilty, listen to your hearts. It worked once and one can only assume it would work more thoroughly if it was done again.

In solidarity with those who fought on those days, especially those who were caught and face charges/time, stay strong, don’t snitch.

On another note, we would also like to use this opportunity to send a message of revolutionary solidarity to others who are resisting in other countries during this time of increased struggle. Our respect is given to those facing repression in Bologna and Florence (Italy), the inspiringly consistent rebels in Belgium, those fighting against police and fascist occupation in the streets of Athens (Greece), and we wish a speedy recovery for comrades injured in action: Theofilos Mavropoulos captured and shot after fleeing police in Athens, Ioannis Kafkas also of Greece and Luciano Pitronello Schuffeneger of Chile. To you we leave some words of inspiration:

“But only the one who knows and practices the iconoclastic fury of destruction can possess the joy born of freedom, of that unique freedom fertilized by sorrow. I rise up against the reality of the outer world for the triumph of the reality of my inner world.” – Renzo Novatore

Attack against home of a nationalist-fascist by Anarchists
June 8, 2011

Anarchists in Bristol visited a member of the British Nationalist Party at home. Fascist scum out:

“BNP members house redecorated in Knowle West, solidarity to Jock Palfreeman and all who resist fascism. Let this be a warning to all nationalists fascists that we will not tolerate them.”

Anarchists
Cop vehicles attacked opposite police station

July 2, 2011

Six unmarked police vehicles parked in the locked carpark opposite Trinity Road police station were damaged last night with paintstripper over the bodywork under right the pigs’ snouts, tyres punctured. This done with joy and ease as a minimal leisurely contribution to revolutionary social war.

In the wake of the Stokes Croft riots, with the corporate bullies invading every aspect of the prison-like world they have created given a taste of retribution, why should we give the dogs that defend that society any chances to lick their wounds? Why not follow through to kick them while they’re down, while they’re weak, while they try to rebuild P.R this very day on the streets of St Pauls playing the multi-racial card with their squaddies of colour where so recently a carnival of a different kind erupted for the first time after decades of racist violence and repression by the law, here like everywhere.

They let you have a ‘Carnival’ once a year, smoke the high-grade publicly, dress up in festive gladrags, even occupy the road, all within an officially sanctioned pressure-value to lose that dangerous steam... But please, just don’t riot! Don’t leave your station - remain within your social bracket, accept that there’s a nice side to authority after all because they allow you to party... But generally only on their terms. We urge, don’t be cheaply bought just because the State/Capital makes a few concessions and send the Community Support Officers on the beat wearing garlands of peace around their neck - presumably so they don’t get punched about gleefully by the elements of society they most fear and loathe. Who says there’s no opportunities today?

We can’t but mention also with this readily-achievable action our solidarity with the UK anti-fascists who have recently been sent to jail on conspiracy charges - we also send greetings to Artem Bystrov (arrested in Russia on 26th April 2011, facing completely and traditionally corrupted and manipulated trial) and other anti-fascists from Nizhny Novogrod. Also in response to the recent police murder of a young black man, 21 year old Demetre Fraser who apparently jumped (police explanation) from the 11th floor while two State pigs visited his flat in Birmingham - neighbours and his mother believe that it was another example of racist murder at the hand of the Filth.

For an Informal Anarchist Federation, world-wide. Our solidarity is attack.

Estate agents attack in solidarity with Freeshop & Emporium

July 20, 2011

Last night (20 July) the windows of Maggs & Allen Bristol were smashed.

We did this in response to Maggs & Allen’s part in the threatened eviction of the Freeshop and the Emporium, two squatted spaces on Stokes Croft. Our solidarity goes out to all people being threatened with eviction, from those in squats to those who can’t afford their rent.

To those who seek to criminalise squatting – a law designed only to protect property, which will make it harder for anyone, squatters or not, to house themselves: let this be an indication that we will resist.
Our actions last night were an expression of our rage against all estate agents and all others who profit from people’s need for shelter.

For those who profit from inflating rent prices and benefit from rising instability and the increasing lack of control in our lives, we have nothing but rocks and anger.

We refuse to wait for your bailiffs and intend to take the fight to those who attack us. Our struggle for freedom is one of our own choosing.

some anarchists

August 2011 Revolt: St Pauls and Stokes Croft Riots
August 8, 2011

Early this morning about 200 people ran riot across the streets of Bristol, mainly in St Pauls, but also along Stokes Croft/Cheltenham Rd. Cars were torched and windows smashed as disillusioned youth expressed what they think of the Big Society.

The riot started just after midnight, with groups of young people, with many in masks congregating on the streets around St Pauls. While the police sealed off the area around Cabot Circus, people moved onto Stokes Croft, where a couple of bins were set alight and several bottles were thrown at riot police as they began to form lines. The crowd, probably numbering around 200 people was moved off Stokes Croft and along Ashley Rd and City Rd and into St Pauls. In St. Pauls several cars were torched, and the police were pelted with bottles, bricks and other projectiles as lines of riot police moved the crowds around the narrow streets. After 2am the confrontation seemed to have largely died down, with the crowd having dispersed into smaller groups melting away into the backstreets and homes.
Eon vehicle torched during Bristol riots  
August 9, 2011

On Monday 8th August 2011, during civil unrest in St Paul’s area, Bristol. An Eon vehicle was spotted and duely torched on William Street. For Eon’s total disregard for the natural ecosystems, this was in solidarity with all arrested that night and after.
The BMW was noted to be adjacent and worthy as a secondary target, as a symbol of class and capital.
Stay safe, mask up. Find an opportunity, take the opportunity.
Informal Anarchist Federation / Eco-anarchist Insurrectionaries

Riot van at police station set on fire  
August 9, 2011

Early this morning we set fire to a riot van at Bishopston police station.
We rejoice the uprising of many State-brutalised, marginalised youths as they establish a new relationship to their surroundings, and whatever other insurgents who have chosen revolt across England.
To all the disgusted ‘citizens’ who can only see the daily class violence, inherent in this society, when the tables are turned - what did you expect?
We see a new decade of urban war forged anew by various shades of social combatants - within that our role as revolutionaries and anarchists being to constantly push forward our trajectory and ideas, spread destructive attacks to new areas and levels of engagement, find accomplices through the clashes (where and when our desires correlate), and maintain and expand an international informal network of comrades.

Evening Post headquarters smashed and paint-bombed

**August 11, 2011**

Thursday night despite heavy police presence in the city centre and across Bristol we smashed all the front bottom windows and some of the higher ones at the Evening Post headquarters and decorated the front with paint bombs. The paper has estimated 20,000 pounds damage.

The media demonises those who choose to resist and fight back, opening the way for more repression again us all. They attempt to divert our attention away from the real everyday thugs and looters - the cops and capitalists, who routinely get away with large-scale theft and murder. This is part of the divisive strategy of rulers to get us fearing and fighting each other and taking sides with authority against rebels. This action was made by people who are not fooled. They do not understand our anger as an unstoppable force that will not be stopped by batons or bullets - we fight with all means for a future of complete liberty we have yet to know.

When the gloves come off and the social war has never been clearer, the class enemy reply on corporate media to be used as just another weapon against us all who want something better for our own lives and those yet to come.
Let’s see the bosses and politicians scrabble to be seen with brooms on the streets - it’s their mess come back to bite them, the lines are drawn: this is what Big fucked Society looks like.

**BBC Radio transmission mast destroyed by fire**

**August 11, 2011**

As social war erupts in the UK, we torched a BBC Radio transmission mast in the early hours of August 11th 2011. The mast was located in the Bedminster Down area of Bristol and is managed by Arquiva.

Strength to all those in the prisons and all those fighting the pigs on the streets.

For permanent attack.

**International ELF-FAI**

**Police vehicles bricked in daylight and banks smashed**

**August 13, 2011**

we do not wit for nightfall to attack, 7.30pm, its light and confidence is not lacking. there where drinkers in the park, more interested in a bottle of ace cider and playing with the dog.

3 unmarked police vehicles at trinity rd police station receive a brick each.

tuesday night, whiteladies road gets a visit, resulting in two banks smashed.

both actions where in solidarity the uk’s latest resistance.

**keep the flames burning till the cites turn to ash**

**Orbis/sitex van gutted by flames as solidarity to squatters**

**August 25, 2011**

a piece of the states apparatus was put out of action early thursday morning: an orbis/sitex van, used to secure voids (empty properties) with metal doors and shutters and installing alarms, was gutted by flames.
this was done as part of the ongoing struggle against the enclosures on our lives, where we are boxed in and and pushed out.

this small action took place in heartcliffe on the edge of dundry, bristol.

helter shelter ( extended family "kill the rich piggies")

squatters unite

Lloyds TSB windows smashed
August 25, 2011

Last night the windows of Lloyds TSB in Fishponds were smashed, to let some air in to the filthy place and to show we will not keep quiet in the face of the relentless attacks of capital and the state. A broken window helps to shatter the illusion that our enemies are invincible. True, it does not in itself make a revolution, but we hope the smashing of corporate glass finds echos everywhere as others realise the need to dismantle this rotten, murderous system and go on the attack. We know we are not alone. We’ve had enough of their everyday lies, violence and hypocrisy. They stop at nothing to have their vengeance, kicking down doors and dragging comrades away to enforce their tough justice and make an example, head on a stake style, to the rest of us who resist. Rioters and looters are the new figures of hate and public enemy number one, as our attention is diverted from the real enemy: killer cops literally getting away with murder. Greedy, lying politicians who have no shame whatsoever. Corporate mass media scum eagerly doing the state’s dirty work. Bankers and bosses making us all pay for their global mass theft and looting. They get impunity every time while we are harassed and hunted down, be it for debts or bills, resisting or looting. But none of them are beyond our reach or our rage. We will not sit back and watch them ruin more lives and they will not have it all their way. Against capital and state, for anarchy and freedom. We send solidarity to all who continue to fight back in whatever way we can. They said we should expect a knock on the door from the forces of the law in the next few weeks, and to be bought to “justice”. Well, that was a while ago and it hasn’t come yet. Keep trying. But meanwhile we’re not waiting at home for the oh so terrifying long arm of the law, so expect the resistance to intensify...

We dedicate this action;

to all the prisoners of the class war.
to all those who have died in the system’s police cells and prisons.
to all the resisters, rioters and looters who know the score.

_to a good man from Bristol and all the other fighters currently evading capture._
Police station graffitied 'Injustice is law'  
September 8, 2011

Newfoundland Road police station spraypainted on Monday night – “Injustice is law”.

3 men were killed by cops in one week last month. They are the latest in a long list of people who have died at the hands of our so called protectors. The thugs in uniform will get away with their everyday violence and brutality yet again in the courts, if it even gets that far. As always, it’s one law for them and another for us.

For direct action and against all authority.

Windows and cashpoints of Lloyds TSB and Tesco's smashed  
September 19, 2011

On Monday 19th September we smashed the windows and cashpoint of Tesco’s and Lloyds TSB in St. George, Bristol. We did this in solidarity with all those oppressed by the system of domination we live under. From those oppressed by the financial violence and debt culture of the banks, to communities wrecked by Tesco’s, to those arrested and imprisoned for fighting back.

We resist the monoculture that Tesco’s and the banks represent, a life without life, with no freedom but to do the same things every day, to participate only in collective boredom.

These acts are a way of saying no to a limited life, and breaking free from the constant fear that is hammered into us by this society. In stepping out to do these acts we reject this passive society. Only in breaking past the fear of being caught, by fighting society’s walls within ourselves, can we release ourselves to the joy of action and realisation of freedom.

We refuse to wait for the next big event to act. We believe in acting without hesitation, in seizing the initiative and striking where and when we want. The state cannot be everywhere, and with preparation and precautions these actions are simple and relatively safe, though of course not without risks we willingly take.

We accept that these actions alone are not enough. But they are starting points. We believe that the threat of these actions is not in a few broken windows but the threat of many, of many people realising that we can reject this society, that what they declare impossible is not at all.

To all those who fight back, stay strong.
Serious Crime Squad HQ vehicles paint-stripped

**September 24, 2011**

“**Scientifically investigate this! Detective chief inspector willy white**

2-3 unmarked vehicles were paint strippered at Kenneth Steele House, Feeder road CID’s serious crime squad HQ for the south west. On the evening of 24th Sept (sat).

Oh William this one’s for you who likes his own mug shot all over the local rag and wants to bring young people to justice, which will bring misery to them and make them a name for him maybe over a spring board to further promotion, little willy does it smell good brown-nosing Northcliffe[*], or are you in bed with the editor?

Why not look at the frustration caused by poverty, when the only vision is bleakness, mickey mouse crimes being trumped up to heavy charges an no way out of the ghetto, sure we disobey and do it for the kicks, what else is there? Window shopping and crack, and they leave us feeling hollow. We are never going to make it in your fairytale world William, so we’ve chose to back a dead cert, the one your having difficulty catching, the odds are in our favour, he runs fast, the evening post smasher.”[*/]

(Thorn in your side)

**Splinter division**

[*] Reference to a window smashing action against offices of a right-wing newspaper in Bristol, for which the cops seek a suspect from reported DNA evidence, which resulted in a local squat being raided. The cops didn’t find the man they were looking for, but made a political investigation, and seized computers, phones, papers. The newspaper, which naturally had their journalists present at the raid, tried to play a key part in the local repressive operations of the police, exactly like every other newspaper in the country. [...]
Police car set on fire in solidarity with Revolutionary Struggle  
October 6, 2011

In Bristol last night (Wednesday October 5th) we broke into a police compound just south of the river. Under the cover of darkness we set fire to a marked police car. We didn't hang around long enough to see whether or not it went up... we can only hope.

We did this for a few reasons. One, as a show of our anger and disgust for the police after hearing about the beating of many friends and comrades in Amsterdam during a demonstration last week.

Wednesday also marked the beginning of the trial against the 'Revolutionary Struggle' group in Greece. With this solidarity action we send you heart felt greetings, you are an inspiration to many, stay strong and proud.

It should go without saying that this was done as much for these reasons as for our own enjoyment. With NO feelings of obligation we enjoyed every moment from the organisation to the orchestration. And of course this is not a glorification of foreign struggles, we have a laundry list of personal/regional reasons to resist, from raids and evictions to locally imprisoned rebels.

This action was done in the spirit of what has become known as the LEGEND OF THE EVENING POST SMASHER.

Courts attacked in solidarity with Revolutionary Struggle  
October 10 & 11, 2011

On the night of Monday 10 October, the windows of Bristol Magistrates Court were smashed and 'FIGHT BACK' sprayed on the front of the building. On the night of Tuesday 11 October, the windows of Bristol Civil Justice Centre were smashed.

One of many reasons these buildings were attacked was in solidarity with people persecuted after the riots. These attacks were part of the struggle against power, a struggle that flared up again in August as people fought police and attacked police stations, cop cars and courts as well as so much else.

Now the state is trying to make an example of the small percentage of rebels they've managed to catch – and is threatening collective punishment of families and households. Cracks are showing in the myth of democratic social consensus as authority, under attack, resorts to more naked force. They're trying to frighten the rest of us back into quiet obedience – but it's not going to work.

It should be obvious by now that we’re not acting in order to ask for some kind of reformed, more ‘just’ replacement for this – or anything else – within this democratic society. The borders of democracy are made up of violently enforced racial, economic, social, sexual and governmental structures. Police, courts and prisons are just one part of this. ‘Justice’ has always been about maintaining hierarchies and inequalities through force. The rich always get away with shit while the poor are punished for the slightest transgression.
Physical attacks like these are just one part of the struggle for freedom, whether they’re done in open joy by a crowd of former strangers or quietly in the dark by a small group of friends. At the same time, we struggle to overcome internal hierarchies and the cops in all of our heads. Much more is possible.

This action was done with thoughts of N Maziotis, P Roupa, K Gournas, C Kortessis, V Stathopoulos, S Nikitopoulos and M Beracha, standing trial far from here from October 24, accused of participation in Revolutionary Struggle’s exemplary contribution to the fires that burn in Athens for many years with words and deeds: our struggle is one. Solidarity with the accused of that case who is still uncaptured and with every social fighter forced into clandestinity—stay free and stay fighting! Power has not won.

Nothing has ended, everything has begun.

International Revolutionary Front – some Bristol participants.

PG Group offices attacked in solidarity with The Factory
October 10, 2011

In the early hours of the Monday and in response to the solidarity call from The Factory, a warning for the The PG Group was left at their offices in Redfield. Their lock was glued and graffiti left on the front door against a forthcoming eviction. Windows would have been smashed if it weren’t for a disturbance.

They probably don’t care about the vandalism, but we do know they care about the Chairman’s precious catholic church nearby (funded by their ‘trust’). The PG Group should expect a return visit to their offices soon to have their dated church windows destroyed. After that, the expensive stained glass windows of St Patrick’s. Consider last night as a warning of more to come until the threat of eviction is terminated.

We will not wait to defend an eviction… we will go on the attack!
Lord Mayor & Tory Councillor vehicles attacked

November 7, 2011

Geoff Gollop, Lord mayor of Bristol and Kevin Quartley, a Tory councillor had their cars torched outside their homes on November 7th.

This is the fire of the ghetto delivered to their door and a taste of what the right wing filth deserve. When the people lose their fear, the capitalists panic.

Get your hands off the students and workers demonstrations.

We can strike you any time we wish.

Class Terror/FAI

Attack on Lloyds Bank Depot

December 15, 2011

At 4:30 am on Thursday 15th of December we attacked Bristol Lloys bank depot in solidarity with comrades imprisoned in Greece, Chile, Switzerland and all over the world. We painted the message “UNTIL ALL ARE FREE” on the building and positioned three bins of flammable material soaked in gasoline in front of their wooden doors and set them alight. Unfortunately our attempt to burn the building down was scupped by fast emergency services response.

We took this action to send our love and solidarity to our Revolutionary Struggle comrades on
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trial in Greece and to the Chillean comrades persecuted for the “bomb case”, also to Silvia,
Costa and Billy the Swiss comrades persecuted for “IBM nanotechnology building” and for all
those imprisoned for their political beliefs.

ATTACKS WON’T STOP UNTIL WE ARE ALL FREE!

Anarchist individuals/ Cells of FAI

Santander Banks smashed for Luciano Tortuga

November 16, 2011

We smashed 2 Santander banks in Bristol. We did this in solidarity with all those fucked over
by the banks. Our thoughts hearts and actions go out to Luciano Tortuga, injured and repressed
whilst fighting back. Your courage and determination are inspiring.
Estate agents attacked in solidarity with The Factory
November 17, 2011

At approximately 2 am this morning, the office of Maggs & Allen estate agent in Henleaze, Bristol was attacked with hammers. The windows of their shop front were totally annihilated.

This action was taken in solidarity with The Factory, and dedicated to all autonomous spaces in Bristol past and present.

Against property speculation, the gentrification of our communities and the evictions of our homes and social spaces.

(A)

Clifton Brides attack gets graffitied and locks glued
December 17, 2011

“Love, the strongest and deepest element in all life, the harbinger of hope, of joy, of ecstasy; love, the defier of all laws, of all conventions; love, the freest, the most powerful moulder of human destiny; how can such an all-compelling force be synonymous with that poor little State and Church-begotten weed, marriage?” – Emma Goldman 1910

Marriage is an institution of patriarchy and an instrument of the State.

We refuse to be reduced to property – to be controlled by men, passed between them and handed down surnames of ownership.

We refuse to have our dignity and autonomy transformed into heavily policed gender roles and the heteronormativity of generic married life.

This socially accepted procedure of ‘love’ remains barren and hollow, no matter how much they try to dress it up.

‘Clifton Brides’ was graffitied and had its locks glued on Wednesday night in solidarity with everyone fighting patriarchy in their day to day lives. Big love!
Screws cars attacked at adult & youth prison

January 5, 2012

On Weds 4th Jan we came out of the shadows and in broad daylight applied ladles of paint stripper to 9 cars belonging to screws at HMP and YOI Ashfield. This action was to avenge our prisoners of war; besides, we couldn’t stand the sight of the place.

This prison was the first private prison in the UK to incarcerate youth prisoners. It is run by Serco (with other companies such as Wessex Water profiting from the exploitation of a labour deal) and has a turbulent history of rioting, miserable conditions, and resulting disorder, that almost forced the public sector to take it back over in 2003. Maybe word will reach the inmates at this always tense time of year...Don’t let the bastards grind you down!

And where then, the people say, should these young people be if not in detention? In “education” or training as the liberals bleat, forced to sit in lines day after day as boredom and surveillance break their wills and destroys animal intelligence to a level appropriate for the society that awaits them (another prison of sorts anyway)? Or in the new workhouses or compulsory military service, as the fascists and the proud citizens (was there ever a difference?) demand, to be brutalised and have their individual spirits worn away - just as prison aims? Or trapped in the suffocating family structures that now proliferate, hopelessly reproducing patriarchy and obedience, as the politicians reccommend?

Nonsense, dead-ends, trickery. We will not parley with this order on any of its terms. Interconnectedness, trust in co-existing and human solidarity can only exist when the whole rotten system that breeds their antithesis is dissolved, whether by collapse or revolution. And until then we will sabotage the machinery of the cages wherever we find them, remembering that WHOMEVER PASSED BY THE FRONT OF A COURTHOUSE OR A PRISON AND THEIR LOOK DIDN’T DARKEN AT THE THOUGHT THAT THEY COULD BE THERE AS THE CULPRIT, DID NOT LIVE THEIR LIFE WITH INTEGRITY AND DIGNITY.

Monika Caballero, Gabriel Pombo da Silva, Tamara Heras John Bowden, Jock Palfreeman, Braulio Gonzalez, Guido Mantelli - these are not just names to us. We feel their separation, we share their hate, we breathe their passion. So we attacked their isolation with greetings over the walls and distances that divide us through our own course of action for our own robbed freedoms.

In our minds are the captives behind these walls, but also every other prison wall who have the courage to resist and who don’t lick the boots of their captors, such as those in Bristol’s HMP Horfield prison who were heard kicking, banging and singing “The only good copper is a dead copper” on New Year’s Eve as police attacked the anti-prison demo outside with pepper spray and batons.

Our attacking support is also with Conspiracy Cells of Fire wherever they are, but especially the defiant comrades of the imprisoned members sector in Greece’s dungeons (despite a recent break out attempt - we wish you better luck next time!), along with their upcoming second trial and their proposal for the formation of a Black International of anarchist behind bars. “Because memory is not rubbish and blood is not water...” In each jail may there flower revolt, Fire to the Prisons! xx

-unknown anarchists
Beauty Box attacked on International Women’s Day

March 9, 2011

Last night at about 1.30am we smashed the windows of “Beauty Box” beauty salon on Whiteladies Road in Bristol and sprayed “Suckers” across the front of the shop.

We did this because we reject the standardised, sanitised forms of beauty peddled by this society and shops like this one.

We also did it because we cannot ignore the capture from the wild, enslavement, and slow poisoning of the Garra Rufa fish used in “fish pedicures”.

We took this action on International Women’s Day, but we are fighting against oppression every single day and will continue to take actions whenever we want to.

Our thoughts are with those fighting for animal liberation that faced police harassment and repression recently in Bristol.

Solidarity with all those struggling against oppression in whatever form.

ALF ELF

Some anarchists

Fascist-Skinhead music and clothing stall gets a new paint-job

March 11, 2012

Local antifascists took action yesterday [10 March 2012] with a paint attack on The Last Resort skinhead music and clothing stall on Corn Street. This business is run by Chris Pugh, a fascist skinhead and member of the English Defence League, and is being used to provide a platform for racist, fascist ideology under the cover of being “just about the music”. We thought it could do with a bit of an antifascist redecoration. The merchandise got absolutely trashed and we had no trouble from the “tough guy” skinhead behind the stall. While we understand that it will take more than a red and black wash to persuade these bigotted idiots about the error of their ways, we think it’s a good starting contribution to the sort of dialogue we’re prepared for with fascists in Bristol.

The EDL have announced that Bristol is one of their targetted cities for a national march this year. We almost hope they do come, so they can see what a welcome they will receive. If the EDL think that they will be able to march through Bristol without serious trouble, they’re in for a nasty surprise. The time for polite, controlled marches and dead end, liberal “antifascism”, which poses no real challenge or threat whatsoever to the return of street based fascism, is over. We will be waiting.

This action was taken in solidarity with our antifascist comrades in Liverpool. You are not alone.

We also remember and salute our murdered antifascist comrades in Moscow. Nikita Kalin, a
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good comrade, outspoken antifascist and tireless fighter, killed by fascist knives. We will never forget or forgive.

Respect to Jock Palfreeman, imprisoned in Bulgaria for daring to step in to stop a racist attack and confront a fascist street gang.

Zero tolerance of fascism on our streets. Fight back. For direct action and militant antifascism.

Text of flyer distributed:

The Last Resort – the first action... Always antifascist!
The Last Resort presents itself simply as a shop selling skinhead clothing and music. Well, we’re not buying it and we hope you don’t either. Because, while everyone likes a bit of ska, it’s a bit more than just feelgood, party music on offer here. It is run by Chris Pugh, a fascist skinhead and member of the racist English Defence League. He sells fascist, race hate music and merchandise on the quiet, “by arrangement”, both from his stall on Corn Street and from his newly opened shop on Wells Road. Fascists like Chris Pugh use music and youth culture to draw young people in to win them over to the ideas of the extreme right wing.

We have had enough of the rise of attacks by fascist, racist thugs against people from ethnic minorities and against anyone who opposes them. We will do all that we can to prevent both the confidence and numbers of these bigots from growing. Fascism relies on control of the streets so that is where we will have to confront it.

We have taken this action today to send a clear message that there are many of us who will not tolerate fascism in our city.

Respect and solidarity to antifascists everywhere.

“We’re gonna chase dem crazy baldheads out of town” – Bob Marley

Communications infrastructure arson
April 11, 2012

We take responsibility for the attack on the communications mast on Dundry hill on 11th April, that took out five communication services and took off air BBC Radio Bristol and Jack FM for more than 16 hours, as well as disrupting Avon and Somerset Police radio communications it seems (although they are refusing to comment on this).

We did this by stuffing two tyres with rags and methylated spirit, jamming them in the bundles of wires at the bottom of the mast and then igniting them. It was our pleasure to demonstrate that with modest ability and ample will we can create a rupture in
'business as usual'.

We want to interrupt the spectacle of the mass media, and the administration of the technological-information society.

These radio stations and the media in general enforce the interests of the ruling class – the state and corporations. Propaganda masquerading as 'objective news' comes ad verbatim from government and corporate sources, and listeners get blasted with a tidal wave of adverts worshipping commodity lifestyle. Any criticism of the status quo is allowed, as long as it occurs within certain parameters, taking capitalism and civilisation as given, and entrenching the idea that these are inevitable. These criticisms, drained of any vitality, actually help maintain the existing order by making it appear tolerant. Genuinely revolutionary ideas are met with violent repression, as in the recent case of the anarchist counter information websites Culmine and Parole Armatein Italy. Every repressive blow deserves an answer. Mass media is the enemy of all rebellion and of every attempt to create a free life.

The media is just one tool of modern alienation. Technologies such as mobile phones and online networks have become so all-pervasive that other more meaningful forms of communication have been undermined. We are increasingly atomised and connected to each other through the mediation of mass electronic devices. The technological-information society makes it easy to bury yourself in obsessive updating, reality TV, 'social media', popularity games and whatever gets handed down to blot out a way of life which hinges on control and exclusion.

Faced with all this, we aren’t bought off as accomplices to an impoverished society that is collapsing the ecology which hosts us on this planet, and we reject the endless slide show of media revelry.

This was our torch of solidarity to; Luca Abba (injured whilst resisting the military-style occupation by police thugs in the Susa Valley) and the 25 arrested across Italy fighting against the high speed train line construction; the jailed eco-sabateurs Braulio and Adrian in Mexico along with Sadie and Exile in the US; and members of the Greek revolutionary organisation Conspiracy Cells of Fire (who are now threatened with having their sentences lengthened) and the others accused in their case.

For a renewed spring offensive – THE TIME IS NOW AND THE ENEMY IS EVERYWHERE

-Some rising flames, ELF
Empowering inferno

May-hem: 2 Highstreets attacked in 1 night
May 2, 2012

On the night of May 1st (2am Wednesday morning) a number of targets in 2 different locations were attacked. In Downend, the windows and ATMs of Lloyds and HSBC banks were smashed, with a Besley Hill and St Andrews estate agents both smashed up as well. On Wells Road in Knowle, the windows and ATMs of a Natwest were destroyed, as well as a Money
Shop; Besley Hill and Mathews estate agents were also attacked. Whilst Mayday once commemorated the lives of anarchists murdered by Chicago State Police, it has now been recuperated by the reformist left into a celebration of the working class. We wish to destroy work – its logic and content – and no state sanctioned bank holiday, party or celebration even begins to touch on our hatred of it.

We are not specialists in social struggle, we work as you do, we shop where you shop and we catch the bus with you, yet we’ve decided that enough is enough. Banks and estate agents represent the ownership of property, privatization and corporate control. Banks play a leading role in the impoverishment of our lives through the destruction of our environment and our dependence on the economy. They support dictators, arms dealers and the military who invest in murderous regimes. Money lenders such as the Money Shop are legalized loan sharks, flourishing in times of recession by preying on the poor. The estate agents make huge profits from the gentrification of our neighborhoods and the urban landscape. All these businesses show the extent to which the land and our lives have been colonized by capitalism.

That is why it brings us joy when banks are continuously attacked in Bristol, blown up and robbed in Santiago (get well Tortuga, freedom for Marcello, Freddy and Juan!), set alight in Ottawa (freedom for Roger Clement!) and Yogyakarta (freedom for Eat and Billy!).

With regards to the criminalization of squatting, we wish to be part of no campaign defending its legalization. Instead we stand with the excluded who act in a manner that serves their own autonomy, independent of any governing body. This includes those on rent strike, strategic squatting in the context of genuine struggle (rather than as an end in itself) and all those who have taken back space from the rich without falling into the monotonous binary of legal/illegal. We hope that the autonomous housing movement can develop into something more dynamic, radical and dangerous. Because property is still theft, rent is still robbery, and profit is still only another word for plunder!

We choose this method to break the illusion of social peace. Taking action means taking control of our lives, not asking the state for scraps.

The future is unwritten...
Trainlines sabotaged against MoD and military companies

May 22, 2012

The purpose of guerrilla attack is to spread the struggle into different territories and facets of life. Finance, judicial, communications, military and transport infrastructure will continue to be targets of the new generation of urban low-intensity warfare – the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI) / International Revolutionary Front.

The means for this struggle are always close at hand. On the morning of May 22nd we struck two points on the railway routes into Bristol, on the outer sides of Patchway (northern) and Parson Street (southern) stations. By lifting the concrete slabs running alongside the tracks and burning out the signalling cables found in the trench underneath, before carriages came on the line. We specifically chose these places so that employees of the Ministry of Defence, as well as military industry companies Raytheon/Thales/HP/QuinetiQ etc., in the business park near Filton Abbey Wood station, and the corporate hub of Bristol, near the Temple Meads station, were amongst the affected. Normal services weren’t restored until the evening.

The potential spread of such blockages in general poses a significant problem for the flow of commodities and for making sure that labour exploitation arrives on time, key concerns for transnational capitalism.

Such actions are a time-honoured method of disturbing the ‘social peace’ myth: from similar sabotages in France; cash courier vehicles getting destroyed in Crete; the night-time smashing of train station ticket machines in Australia; resistance to highway developments eating even further into wild landscapes (such as Khimki forest in Russia) whilst displacing animals and people who are still refusing to assimilate into industrial civilisation (such as Bolivia’s TIPNIS project in one of the most biodiverse regions in the world); to the iconic seizure and arson of the city bus in London last August. Not to mention our comrades of FAI/Fires on the Horizon, in Athens, and FAI/Individuals Conspiring for the Destruction of the Existent, in Curicó, defiant with their barricades…

Everywhere the bosses want us scurrying around their metropolis, like consignments of human flesh in alienating containers on pre-determined routes, in a frenetic hustle for survival, there is and will continue to be every reason to forcefully intervene in the smooth flow of the daily grind.

In the United Kingdom of clockwork control and domestication, we’re some of the ‘unpatriotic ones’ who find the 2012 Olympics, with the ensuing spectacle of wealth (when so many here struggle to feed themselves and their families), harmful developments and escalating police state, frankly offensive. But no union or movement calls our shots, and we have no inhibition to use guerrilla activity to hurt the national image and paralyze the economy however we can. Because simply, we don’t want rich tourists – we want civil war.

Anarchy is unavoidable.
Riot 2012.

- Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI) – May 22nd Group (*)

(* - “Because when your heart beats, it beats freedom, love, and anarchy: Anarchy doesn’t die in the mouth, it prevails in active hands.” – Mauricio ‘Mauri’ Morales.

On the 22nd of May 2009, Chilean anarchist Mauricio Morales died on an operation to attack the school for prison guards in Santiago.

In the struggle for meaningful existence, ‘freedom’ and ‘life’ are things worth the risk of losing in order to truly win them. Mauri ‘lost’ the last one… but that wild instinct never dies, the bet is still on, and today Mauri we will see to it that anarchy lives!

To Billy Augustan and Reyhard ‘Eat’ Rumbayan, fighters of the Indonesian FAI in prison for
burning a bank (and to the wanted of that case, never forgetting our comrades in clandestinity) – you may not know us, but we are your co-conspirators, and the same for any being who attacks for individual, collective and Earth liberation. Stay strong and proud.

Lastly, we dedicate these words to the five anarchists arrested in the USA in early May, who, planning to blow up a bridge in the Cuyahoga Valley national park in Cleveland, were infiltrated by a government agent who sold them fake explosives.)

Conservative Association windows broken and painted

May 30, 2012

We attacked Bristol Conservative Association, just off Whiteladies Road, because let’s face it, their windows are calling out to be broken. We broke the main windows and threw paint. We sprayed “SCUM” and an anarchy sign over their front door and wall to make it difficult to remove.

This is a rejection of all party politics. The whole system must go.

Brand A, or Brand B, Pepsi or Cola, Labour or Conservative, we are allowed to chose anything we want as long as it’s within the pre-written guidelines of capitalism, the state, and the myth of democracy.

These non-choices will not contain us, despite the Tories proposed increase in state surveillance powers.

The Con-Dem government have slashed benefits, criminalised squatting, cut back services, denied access to the “justice” system and generally continued and escalated Labours war on the poor.

This isn’t a reformist gesture, but a small gesture of our defiance. Governments have proven throughout time that their only interest is serving the rich and they don’t give a fuck about the rest of us. The only way we will find true freedom is through the destruction of the state and capitalism.

Clear Channel van burnt and two billboards attacked

June 1, 2012

Bristol has a strong history and present of destroying billboards and subverting adverts, and the amount of ripped down and subverted adverts around Bristol) In the last few weeks we made a contribution to this by making three attacks on the advertising industry.

We burned a Clear Channel van (one of the main advertising companies) in Staple Hill by setting fire to the front grill and causing an engine fire, most likely writing-off the vehicle.

We also tore down a billboard on Netham Road, by sawing through the wooden supports and pulling it down with a rope. Over two weeks later it has still not been replaced.
We attacked a second billboard, a giant free-standing, back-lit one on St. Philip’s Causeway by climbing up and cutting the advert on both sides and prying open the electric box, switching off the power and cutting wires and ripping out components. This space was “liberated” from advertising for more than three days.

This is for every advert that reminds us that women equal sex.

For every advert that creates and exploits our insecurities.

For every advert that gives ecocidal industry a friendly green face.

For every advert that endlessly re-inscribes impossible standards of masculinity and femininity, that are anyway ridiculous constructs.

For every advert that tokenises people of colour, whilst still normalising whiteness as the default cultural standard.

For every advert that shouts that happiness is the latest smart phone and fulfilment is an 4x4 on the drive of a suburban home.

We want to expose this relentless assault as psychological warfare; a violation of our senses so complete that we can find no sanctuary in civilisation’s cage. Billboards provide a mirror in which we see reflected the true value our lives have in Capitalist society – as consumers. The value at which we are bought and sold along with our desires, bodies and aspirations. A society that brings people together only to fulfil commercial rituals.

Christos Stratigopoulos is someone who refused to buy this tranquilising dream, and who chose instead to steal back some livelihood outside of wage slavery. He is imprisoned in Greece, having claimed political responsibility for robbing a bank in 2009. The state is trying to stop his return to the streets by now accusing him of a second robbery. We don’t forget you Christos – In social war no fighter stands alone.

We refuse the identity of consumer. We want to break the mirrors and rewrite our lives. This present reality is not the only one within our reach, and through it’s destruction we can discover our immense potential for freedom.

Smash Capitalism, Patriarchy, White Supremacy, the State! Long live anarchy!

EDL confronted with bricks and bottles
July 16, 2012

Yesterday [Saturday July 15, 2012], following the EDL march in Bristol, a sizeable group of EDL supporters were confronted by antifascists outside a pub on Old Market.

Reports that a large number of EDL members had congregated in the Long Bar on Old Market Street were confirmed when a pissed-up group outside began to hurl abuse and insults at random passers-by who they presumed were ‘opposition.’ Beknown to them, there was a crew of around 40 antifascists just around the corner…

The EDL group seemed surprised as the antifascists approached them at speed, responding by launching a number of bottles, cans and pint glasses. A load of the group inside the pub just watched from the window, apparently bolting the door behind their mates who were outside. The two police officers initially present were left in the middle of a volatile situation, helplessly
running around swinging batons and shouting.

A couple of people went to ground and at least one of the EDL felt the true extent of local opposition. Another of their number was apparently overheard pleading with a copper, shouting “why aren’t you stopping them?”

The stand-off lasted for a few minutes, with rocks, bricks and even a breeze block thrown between the two sides. As police riot vans arrived, the antifascists made good their escape. The EDL group were not so quick off the mark, getting stopped and having their details taken by the filth around the corner.

One EDL supporter had this to say on the facebook event page for the demo:

Ricky Howell: “it went right off in old market an hour ago, everyone outside long bar got attacked by a load of scruffy fuckers with bricks, bottles and lumps of wood……loads of edl just stayed in the pub and watched while a hand full of use fought with them and just about held our own!!!!!!! not on we should of all stood together, some people got all the gob but no bottle when the shit hits the fan….you know who you are!!”

Chris Rasher Bacon: “all ok?”

Ricky Howell: “not really, one of ours got his face bit, another had a bit of a kicking as there were so many of them and he went to the ground……just shocking how so many stood in pub and watched out of the window,we were out numbered and they were tooled up.”

A youtube video from the Gas Hit Squad (Bristol Rovers football hooligan firm) has since gone up online, claiming to show them ‘Chasing Antifa and UAF out of Old Market.’ The 41-second video actually shows a very small proportion of the events; the two groups moving back, forth and across the road as cops arrive, and nobody getting ‘chased off’ as they claim.

Despite all of the machismo and arm-waving, this was certainly no victory for the EDL. They were made aware that not all of their opposition will just walk on by when they abuse and threaten, and that some are more than willing to play them at their own game.

Olympic Park Energy Centre contractor GDF attacked

25 July, 2012

GDF corporation exposed and attacked in Bristol

Last night we visited GDF’s office on the Anglo Office Park in Speedwell, broke around 20 windows around the unit (on both the ground floor and first floor) and left spray-painted tags next to the front door, ECOCIDE (with an arrow pointing to the company logo) and A.C.A.B. with an anarchist symbol.

GDF (while not a house-hold name over here yet) is a global energy and utility corporation with many arms, which among other things was a pioneer of nuclear power in Europe (including the UK, where they’re now in line for a new reactor in Sellafield), are involved with building police infrastructure here in the South-West, run 15 private-public prisons and surveillance camera systems in hundreds of cities and towns in France, provide communication systems for the defence industry, security for Total’s oil rigs in Nigeria…

GDF might not have pulled the trigger killing Mark Duggan, swung the baton killing Ian Tomlinson, or lined the streets to protect the English Defence League, but they are one of many
components of corporate-authoritarian control. GDF are the company providing facility management for constructing and maintaining Avon and Somerset’s two new police stations, new operations base (Bridgwater), two custody and crime investigation centres (Patchway and Keynsham) and a firearms training centre (Portishead) to share with police from Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. The question GDF will have to ask themselves is: can their new partners keep them safe everywhere?

GDF’s collaboration with the forces of law and order extended to equipping cops with a mobile Smart CCTV system for use at the G20 summit of world leaders in Cannes last November. Our action followed the call to support the ten just sentenced heavily for the rebellion against the G8 summit in Genoa back in 2001, and the anniversary of Carlo Giuliani’s fatal shooting by police on July 20th during those clashes. The G8 returns to Britain next year: let’s make this a taste of the reception they’ll get.

GDF put a lot of effort into portraying themselves as an ecologically-minded enterprise, with predictable rhetoric about “the third industrial revolution” of low-carbon energy, hydrogen storage, electric vehicles and the rest. The GDF Energy Centre in the Olympic Park claims it will reduce the emissions of the London Games – a ridiculous attempt to greenwash one of the crowning jewels of world capitalist rule, which is in reality a disaster for the environment and the exploited everywhere it goes. The aim of all these technological solutions is not to address the tremendous damage Civilisation has caused the planet and our own wild nature, but to indefinitely perpetuate the same system that’s devouring the earth.

An example of this is GDF’s building of the Jirau hydroelectric dam in Brazil. This project is infamous for its total disregard for a vast rainforest ecosystem, deforesting the region, threatening to eradicate tribes who are in voluntary isolation or who are totally uncontacted, and bringing several migratory fish species to face extinction.

[...] Previous attacks on GDF and their interests in other countries: 1, 2, 3, 4

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Multiple Arsons as Olympic torch returns

July 31, 2012

On Monday 31st we lit up the opening week of the Olympics with an attack on two vehicles (and all the equipment they contained) belonging to British Telecom (BT), an “official Olympic partner”. It’s a small reply to the heightened repression in London.

In Longwell Green this week we then sabotaged a mast owned by BT’s parent company, O2, the mobile phone network. We burnt out the mast by setting fire to the cables at the bottom.

While the thousands who can afford to swell the economy are welcomed by the state for the Olympics, O2 profits from the exploitation of a literal captive audience of “illegal” migrants who are forced to use O2 phones with extortionate pricing in a pilot scheme at Yarl’s Wood “Immigration Removal Centre” (prison) which is run by Serco. The authorities can monitor calls with ease, and the network is easier to shut down in the event of a disturbance or as punishment for rule breaking. There are currently mass hunger strikes in Germany and the UK (in Morton Hall, a former open prison now specifically designated for “foreign nationals”), these hunger strikes are an expression against detention, control and isolation.
While O2 profit from their dealings in detention they are also furthering the encroachment of the market into the fabric of our social lives. “Giff Gaff” is a mobile phone network owned by O2 and a brainchild of their head of brand strategy. Their model of operating encourages consumers (or “members”) to participate in aspects of running the service such as customer support, marketing and sales in return for meagre incentives and forms their “horizontally run” business image. Under this model your friends become marketing targets and your relations are degraded in their value as commodities, bringing us even closer to a world where every human interaction consists of buying and selling.

O2 also supply radio and phone systems for the UK police through a network of TETRA masts. G4S also use O2 sim cards to run their electronic tagging systems.

BT supply the UK prisons (as well as investing millions in the arms trade). Inmates are charged up to 7 times the average call rate, paying for the privilege to be spied on. In BT’s words, “paying for the level of ongoing investment in security”. BT now run computerise information points on prison wings, “aiding the prisoner during settlement”. There’s even employment opportunities uploading information and performance statistics.

Behind the scenes of Olympic grandeur, our daily experience is that modern life becomes more and more like a cage. Britain jails more adults than any other European country, and comes 3rd for jailed young people, but it’s gold medal is in extending the authoritarian management of the “inside” to the “outside” with its induced culture of cowardice, conformity and snitching. The developing social control structure has many tentacles and is always deepening them through technology, psychology, surveillance, policing and architecture. In short, the mechanism of jail diffused throughout the urban environment. This society is already one giant prison for all but a privileged few and the modern citizen is already being trained to be the model prisoner.

But some cells are still more concrete than others. In April this year Carla Verdugo and Iván Silva were arrested in Santigao transporting an explosive the night before their comrade Juan Alistes trial preparation hearing. We want to continue what they started. Yesterday the “security case” trial against Juan, Freddy and Marcello began in Chile.

Strength to all unpacified captives from last summers riots. Solidarity with all those resisting the deportation machine. None of these hostages are forgotten. Solidarity is our weapon and we can use it.

We also take this opportunity to welcome ELF Switzerland prisoner Silvia Guerin back to the streets.

Attacks on communication structures are a necessary part of the multi-formed struggle towards the collapse of capitalism. Where society means misery we chose rebellion. Fire to the prisons, borders and detention estate.

**Autonomous Sabotage Cell**

[Correction from 325: BT is not owned by O2, as wrongly stated in the above communique. O2 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Telefónica, a Spanish telecommunications giant, the same company that runs the Movistar network.]
Attacks on Olympic Sponsors and Media

August 13, 2012

We will not participate in the Olympic frenzy and we reject the myth that the Olympics is a positive event for everyone. However we love sports, so we decided to have some “sporting” moments of our own.

On Monday night, the day after the Olympics closing ceremony, we attacked two sponsors, Thomas Cook in Clifton and a Lloyds TSB depot near Temple Meads, by smashing the windows. The media was also targeted; we poured paint stripper over a Virgin Media van in Lockleaze and decorated it with paint.

Thomas Cook sells a poor paradise to rich tourists whilst destroying cultures and ecosystems around the world. Lloyds TSB are using sponsorship to distract from their dirty dealings and their “banking crisis”. The media propagate the lie that hosting the Olympics has been a proud moment for all of us. But what have we really gained? Increased surveillance and repression, gentrification and austerity.

The rulers and corporate elite get richer, and fashion themselves a “community friendly” image that hides their real moves and motives.

Shout out to all who recognise the Olympics for the farcical social experiment in social control and land grab that it is, and who fight against it. Over to you Brazil...

Attack against olympic sponsor Lloyds TSB

August 25, 2012

Lloyds TSB on Church Road, St. George, Bristol was attacked on the night after the closing ceremony of the olympics.

(Sports commentator) "Well they may not have trained very hard or long for this one, but this team is looking good! They’ve set their sights on a good result tonight. You can just see the focus and determination in their eyes, even if you won’t ever see their faces. They’re used to working as a team and doing what has to be done. They know how to relax under pressure and they understand they are part of something much bigger, willing and proud to take up the baton from those who have gone before them. And they’re off! The crowds go wild as the anti olympics event hits it’s stride here in Bristol. Well, that all happened so quick! And yes, it’s a new personal best for this team and it’s not just a record that was broken this evening. Olympic sponsor Lloyds TSB on Church Road in St. George had all big windows smashed by the shotput event and the quickest spraypaint on record will certainly leave it’s mark! "Going for gold" indeed! See how fast the team pulled away, leaving the pack behind them and positively bolting away! Inspirational! And here’s what the team had to say":

With small actions like this we continue a long and proud story of anti olympic struggle. We stand alongside all who have seen through the carefully manufactured image of “the games” and chosen to resist. We took this action the day after the closing ceremony to show that our struggle hasn’t finished. We send solidarity to all who are prepared to go the distance in resistance.
The "greatest show on earth" is everywhere, with surround spin and relentless, multi million media hype designed to make us believe that "the games" really are ours. Millions of people are won over by emotional stories of human triumph and heartwarming success. "Support your team". Get behind the flag. Get with the logo. Stay under control (or else...). Belong. Believe. And suddenly, as if by magic, "We're all in this together" again as the olympic cooling up of patriotism and government, consumerism and capitalism, does it's trick.

The olympics are not ours. They belong to the capitalist class who really are going for gold. They don’t have to dig deep, neither, and the profits are truly staggering. Whether it’s sponsorship and brand placement, lucrative contracts and deal sealing opportunities, or real estate ‘development’ and gentrification, mass media and merchandising, the real winners in all of this are the corporations. For them, the olympics are yet another chance for doing big business and expanding their influence and control. They have embedded themselves, parasite style, into the heart of the games. It is these same corporations that loot and suck the life out of our communities and streets and yet now we’re somehow supposed to share this one big happy olympic community with them. Sponsors like Lloyds TSB get a good name by funding the torch relay, while in other lands they fund torture.

And of course the olympics is a dream showcase for the security industry and an overwhelming show of strength and exercise in power for the state. While so many of us remain glued to the screens, so euphorically distracted, no one seems to notice the record breaking acceleration of control and surveillance measures all around us. How is that thousands of police, security and military personnel on our streets, together with a huge build up of heavy weaponry and a seemingly unstoppable race for all the latest tools and technologies of repression, can be accepted so easily and quickly, without question or comment, let alone opposition? The olympic experiment in expanding and deepening social control and pacification seems to be raising the bar, and the authorities will undoubtedly be happy with the results.

Because if there is anything of these "games" that is truly ours, it will be the "legacy" of total policing, intensification of surveillance and more effective, invasive mechanisms of repression and control. All of this, alongside the gentrification of the affected communities and the confidence boost for cops, capitalists and politicians, will last long after the hype and hysteria of the olympics has passed.

Minibus of the Jesus Kingdom City set alight
August 30, 2012

In the early hours of this morning, Jesus Kingdom City (part of the Pentecostal crusaders the Redeemed Christian Church of God), based in the center and preying on the neighborhoods of the exploited and which partners with other missionaries in Africa and Asia, had their minibus set alight on Beaufort Road, St George, Bristol.

“Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the foul of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." – Genesis 1:28

... “A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.” – Proverbs 31:30 (front page of Jesus Kingdom City’s website)

“Humanity will not be free until the last king is strangled with the guts of the last priest.” – Denis Diderot
Since the first class-based societies, religion has meant the enforcement of submission, punishment, debt, sacrifice, self-hatred and bigotry. Specifically, Christianity has always gone hand in hand with European colonization, often initially paving the way for military/economic hegemony and aiming to subdue and indoctrinate potentially-inconvenient populations. This poisonous work continues in the missions of today, through the paternalistic logic of development and assimilation, and propagating the segregated supremacy of man over woman / human over nature.

Victory for the hunger strike of Marco Camenisch, which has been joined by Elisa di Bernardo!
Iconoclastic regards to the first-phase members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire, especially this time to Olga Ekonomidou who last braved solitary confinement for 53 days for her continued insubordination; to comrade Tortuga; to the informal element in Melbourne; and to the anarchic heretics under investigation in Italy.

This time the focus of our negation was Christianity – in the future it will just as easily be any other spook (religious or not) seeking to repress and reduce the absolute sovereignty of unique individualities into categories, identities and moralities.

Walk into the night of chaos…

Free Thought Association / Fraction of Gender Renegades

Arson attack on company who put cctv in schools
October 23, 2012

last night fire erupted in the tranquillity of bristols well-to-do redland area, targeting a marked vehicle of Standfast Ltd. besides the usual functions that led us to attack a company invested in “security” (as always, securing the sanctity of private property in mass society) one of their many cctv contracts in bristol, bath, avon, somerset and gloucestershire is both state and private schools, where as you can read in the newspapers even the toilets are no escape from the cameras.

daily submission under impersonal institutions rarely comes naturally. after the nuclear family, the education system at all stages is instrumental in adapting the free child to the civilized world of workplaces, malls and (other) prisons that todays youth are destined for, constant surveillance has proven a most effective step in this domesticating process, kids learning to selfregulate under the assumption that they’re permanently being watched, and this has been made to seem normal by reality tv, the saturation of control technology in the dead synthetic urban enviroment (supplied by the likes of Standfast Ltd.), and the atomised crowd of a generation filled with selfish fear of punishment or repremand.

but it is often still the young people who are least destroyed by this onslaught and who still find themselves impelled to refuse the system (like the riots last summer and scattered moments of revolt everyday since and before). this is just a reminder – WHEN YOU HIT A LENS IT WILL BREAK LIKE ANYTHING ELSE! so shouts to youth rebellion against society, the claimants of the recent attack on security vehicles in nottingham, and everyone else committed to the timeless crime of freedom!

strength for Gustavo Quiroga, held in immigration detention after the Delta squat eviction in Thessaloniki, and for the Gremlin Alley resisters in cardiff!
strength for the anarchists non-cooperating with the grand jury in the american northwest, and for the ones who fled from it! strength for the street fighters held for the march29 battles in Barcelona, and Carolina whos accused of burning a Starbucks that inspiring day!

anarchy here, now and always — yours in war, counter-surveillance cores.

Palestine solidarity attacks against G4S and M&S

November 24, 2012

In the early hours of Saturday 24th November, a G4S car parked in a residential street in Bristol was covered in paintstripper, had its windows etched and tyres slashed. The same night a Marks and Spencers store in Bristol was attacked and had all its windows smashed.

"Hands off Gaza" and "pricetag" were sprayed at the scene.

These actions were taken in solidarity with the Palestinian people who have suffered occupation and oppression by the proponents and supporters of Zionism for nearly 65 years. These actions were also taken to send a message to all those multinational companies that support Israel, whether for purely profit driven motives or more ideological reasons. By aligning themselves with the oppressor, such companies as M&S and G4S are making themselves targets. Action will be taken against them!

Don't wait until the next major attack on Palestinians, act now!

The oppression of Palestinians is constant and ongoing. Prior to the recent attack on Gaza, Israel killed 65 Palestinians in Gaza alone during 2012. The day after the 'ceasefire' Israel killed a Palestinian farmer in Gaza.

NOTES

1. For detailed research on the complicity of (especially British) multinationals see: http://www.corporatewatch.org/?lid=4103 amongst other sources.

2. Extremist Israeli settlers take what they call 'pricetag' actions whenever a particularly illegal outpost or settlement is evicted. They attack Palestinians or their houses, mosques, vehicles etc. Causing sometimes extensive damage and spraying graffiti to make their motivations clear.

For example see:

This principle has been taken and applied instead to those who support Zionism.

more of this sort of thing
"Call of the wild, or CONTROL of the wild?"

We started 2013 as we mean to carry on, with an attack on the front entrance building of Bristol Zoo. All the glass front doors and windows were smashed. The building and "Bristol Zoo" lettering was attacked with paint bombs as well as a paint bomb inside the building. "Liberate" was sprayed across the front.

Zoos put themselves forward as champions of conservation but the reality is very different. Their 'conservation' is part of the same arrogant hypocritical mindset that places humans separate and above all other living things, and aims for domination and subjugation of nature. Wild creatures are hunted, some to extinction, exploited, and their habitats wrecked. The ones that are lucky enough to be 'saved' are put in cages and this is presented as somehow protecting and helping them.

Zoos are upheld as bastions of education. We can know all we need to know about this or that creature except how to show them basic respect. What it’s really about is teaching people that non-human animals are there for our entertainment, and that the entire non-human world exists only for our use. People’s need to see and experience something wild is very marketable and exploitable. Behind all the rhetoric and reinvention of zoos lies the cruel reality as always of money and profit by all means necessary. Once we see through their carefully constructed image there is no defence such institutions of slavery can employ against our reasons to attack them.

In the zoo, people get used to the necessity and desirability of cages. Once free animals, pacing their cages and staring vacantly at the bars are a sad reflection of our own captivity.

With this small but successful act we draw a line in the sand between us and the dominator of every creature including ourselves.

On New Years Eve there is a tradition around the world of taking action against the prison system and showing solidarity with prisoners. We continue and extend this tradition in the spirit of total liberation for human and non-human animals alike. We also have not forgotten or forgiven the violence used by the police against demonstrators outside Horfield prison last new years eve.

We will keep hitting them where and when they don't expect it - They can never be everywhere and we will never accept captivity or imprisonment of any sort. We dedicate this action to anarchist prisoners Marco Cafemisch, Cristobal Franke “Mono” and Osman Evcan.

Anonymous
TV, Radio, Vodaphone and police communications blackout

January 4, 2013

As part of the ongoing anarchist war for total liberation, we carried out a hit on the Bathampton radio and TV relay station. Fires were set at four points of the structures, and we left undisturbed. As a result of the sabotage, on top of causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage, we regionally shut down all TV channels on Freeview as well as all national analogue and digital radio stations. Additionally it took down Vodaphone and other mobile networks, damaging police communications and other digital services. 80,000 homes and businesses in the area were affected.

The entertainment industry is an important tool to manipulate human behaviour. Without a steady supply of distractions it would be much harder to persuade people that their lives are satisfactory, to convince them to keep going to work or in whatever way to reproduce the system. So to deprive the network of the ability to offer this essential means of escape from chronic modern stress, anxiety, frustration and dissatisfaction is to undermine the smooth running of society, however temporarily.

There are many soft targets and many lo-tech methods available for us malcontents who gladly choose conflict over dispair. This gives rise to the prospect of rebellion with thousands of faces, with infinite reasons to blockade and destroy whatever stands between us and our goals. We want to experience harmony as a living planet, face to face encounter as intimate circles of proud and free-thinking individuals, and a chance to mould an existence filled with wild play and fierce joy. Our first response when faced with today's crushing domination and a subservient society will always be outbreaks of disorder, refusal and beauty.

Our comrades from far and wide who also carry this fight share our thoughts so closely that often their words could be ours. So when they are kidnapped and held far away from us our determination is only further fuelled. Following many actions in Italy the state has unleashed a wave of repression against anarchists and their projects (Operations Ardire, Mangiafuoco, Ixodidae, Thor...), some across borders, accusing some of attacks of the FAI (Informal Anarchist Federation) and raising a trophy for the media-judicial circus: Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito, who they claim are FAI / Olga Cell. But if the prosecutors thought for one minute that they had dismantled the group even in Italy with their operations, another cell soon proved them wrong with an attack on the banking system in the capital, followed by grid sabotage in Indonesia, gunshots in Mexico, liberations in Russia, bombing in Greece, mass arson in Argentina, to name but a few. The new anarchist guerrillas laugh in the faces of the powerful because the repression is only throwing petrol on the fires of the open leaderless resistance.

We are on the side of everyone who has burnt stuffy textbooks and taken the offensive to reanimate an anarchy that had turned to dust in so many throats. Any rebel's capture becomes yet another motive to strike, as we have before and will again, as a reminder of the social cost of their imprisonment.

This action carried out eight years to the day since Xosé Tarrio (a dignified prisoner of Spain’s FIES isolation units, against which a series of attacks last decade were later claimed by the first generation of the FAI) died in the cells, leaving his blood on the hands of the jailers, courts and cops.

FAI / ELF,
New Horizons of Burning Rage
on the 9th jan 2013 not long before noon vehicles belonging to prison officers at bristol prison, cambridge rd, horfield were damaged using paint-stripper & slashing the front tyres, this took place on brynland ave in ashley down. the officers are intrinsically linked to a system that keeps people down & in their place, everyday we are monitored, but on this day jan 9th those officers with damaged cars will feel that they have been watched. this was a very accessible thing to do, no elite skills were needed. our fight is on both sides of the wall & both sides of the coin, there are lessons to be learnt by all, those for security reasons have choose to fight from a position of underground & those that are a public face, networking, reaching out & bringing in new blood. this small attack was done with all the caged animals & humans at the for-front of our minds.

Tory Club Smashed and Cop 4×4 Torched

April 13, 2013

ONE LESS ENEMY OF FREEDOM – LETS DANCE ON HER GRAVE!

To celebrate the news of Thatcher’s death we smashed the front windows of the Conservative Club on Fishponds Road in Bristol in the early hours of this morning.

No matter how many tributes to a “great woman” appear in the media, we will never remember her as anything other than a vicious tyrant who rolled out the aggressive free market capitalism that flourishes today. The only good politician is a dead one!

Even compared to politicians in general Thatcher was one of the most hated figures in recent UK history, which is why she was under armed guard 24 hours a day until her death in the five star Ritz hotel. She led an all out assault on living conditions of the “underclass” she so openly despised, entrenching and enriching the ruling classes. We are only a few of the thousands upon
thousands who are lining up to piss on her grave.

The response in Bristol to her death was immediate. The night the news broke there was a large street party in Easton to celebrate. When cops arrived to break it up they were met with bricks, bottles and burning barricades, injuring several state thugs and damaging a police vehicle. Our thoughts are with the arrested and the many more who defied the riot squad and their “pacifist” allies.

We attacked the club where Thatcher’s arse lickers hang out, but don’t get us wrong – political parties are only one face of the global dominant order. The same system of exploitation they represent churns on regardless of who hold office. Thatcher’s day saw forceful revolt against her regime (the miners strike, the poll tax rebellion and more), and today’s rulers can be sure that they also face our fury.

Thatcher actively supported and defended Pinochet’s military dictatorship in Chile. Under the new economic dictatorship of democracy, rebellious students, Mapuche indigenous warriors and anarchist-subversives continue to be persecuted by the same fascist-era laws. We greet Marcelo, Juan and Freddy in Santiago high security dungeon, solid social fighters since the time of Pinochet’s rule, and those targeted by the Chilean state’s latest frame-up who are held in Temuco women’s prison (also the scene of a recent riot).

Finally, our team takes responsibility for the recent arson on a police 4×4 in a garage off Pennywell Road in Easton. These servants of the state should never be safe on the streets from our attack, here as in Moscow, Cairo or Montreal.

FUCK THE LAW AND THE PEACE POLICE!
FOR A RIOTOUS SATURDAY 13TH EVERYWHERE!
WAR ON POLITICIANS, DEATH TO THE STATE!
-unruly anarchists (in the spirit of Millbank)

Arson and damage against Mitie vehicles
April 15, 2013

Over the weekend we attacked 2 different Mitie vans. Behind the “Bush” pub 5 minutes from Templemeads, on a sunny evening during rush hour we took the opportunity to spike two wheels and pour paint stripper over the vehicle. We may have been seen, so what, good luck to em, we look just like everyone else.

We chose not to only push our struggle in the hours of darkness, recognising that our expressed anger, if witnessed, probably leaves a question in the mind of the onlooker. On this occasion we decided the risk was worth it. We also burnt a Mitie van in East Bristol, setting fire to it at night.

Mitie are one of several companies to have benefited hugely from the privatisation started by Thatcher in the 1980s. The outsourcing of immigration prisons such as Campsfield was one step in building an empire which now includes prisons, youth offender institutes, probation services, and extends to housing and “sustainable” energy sources. We are not asking for state controlled versions of the above. But calling for fire to all prisons – immigration, youth or otherwise.

As well as “detention centres”, Mitie now run 6 different prisons -including 2 youth offender
institutes. They are partners with the UK Border agency and the Prisons Service. Last year workers for Mitie in London went on strike after a pregnant worker was badly mistreated, and ended up in hospital whilst working for Mitie.

Across the country, people of all ages are placed in the “care” of Mitie and are beaten and denied their freedom. These small actions are in solidarity with them, and anyone who was on the streets this weekend.

Mitie claims to support people but their move into housing and energy do nothing to change the fact that they are intent on profiting from any aspect of life.

Fire to the prisons!
Burn in hell Maggie!

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Security firm Avon and Somerset Guarding is attacked

April 30, 2013

No peace for the defenders of commodity-society. Their security = a joke once again. Our latest target was Avon and Somerset Guarding, on Fishponds Rd, we broke half the storefront glass and attacked the CCTV camera, leaving an anarchy symbol tagged on the scene. Enough uniformed bastards in our lives, let’s trash the control apparatus. Shouts to anti-fascist of action Jock Palfreeman, held in Bulgaria – love for our comrades, hate for their jailers. That’s all for now

can’tstopthechaos

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6 vehicles at UKBA crime team building torched & Tascor transporters smashed

June 22, 2013

Hidden inside a quiet business park in Portishead, just outside Bristol, is a UK Border Agency office from where an immigration crime team work with police, including launching raids in the south-west. We visited Thursday night into Friday (with the death of anarchist Carlo Guiliani in combat with police during the G8 summit 12 years ago still fresh in our minds) to set fires that damaged the building and burnt 6 vehicles stationed there – 3 cars, 2 blacked-out people carrier vans (known to be used for dawn snatches of immigrant family groups) and 1 large van. The border regime mercenaries draw the attention of our total contempt the same as any other cop does, and now this long arm of the State has felt that we are close and we don’t stop.

A couple of weeks earlier, high noon on Sunday 2nd at a Tascor corporation depot at a Cribbs Causeway/Patchway area trading estate, 2 minibuses with barred passenger windows had their windscreens smashed and multiple dents to the bodywork of the cabs. Tascor (formerly Reliance Secure Task Management) work for the Border Agency and Border Force to ‘escort’
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detainees between immigration prisons and to their deportations, utilizing the consequence-free violence their position furnishes them with such as during the recent forced removals of Marius Betondi and Raul Ally, and are the largest private sector provider of this ‘service’ worldwide (having taken over these duties in the UK from Group 4 Security in 2011). They also run designated holding rooms and short-term holding facilities throughout the UK as well as for UK border forces in Calais and Coquelles, France.

Capitalism profit greatly from a pool of cheap migrant labor, including known ‘illegals’ who are even more vulnerable to the bosses' blackmail. The State criminalizes those they decide are non-productive, utilizing poisonous nationalism to further divide the exploited (like the recent wave of hatred against anyone thought to appear ‘Muslim’) and to win elections. The ‘lucky’ migrants get to arrive in the slums of alienated Western society and are thrust into competition with other urban poor, the ‘unlucky’ or unprofitable in deportation prisons, in both cases governed by fear and racialized policing. However this sorting of human bodies doesn’t always go as smoothly as planned: mass hungerstrikes in Dutch detention facilities and heavy rioting on the streets of Sweden are recent instances of refusal to submit to such degradation.

We don’t want a world where the tyranny of immigration bureaucrats can mean the difference between life and death, and unique beings are categorized and labelled to wring the maximum profit and subordination from us all. We don’t want the indignity of every movement being scrutinized for the purpose of social control and enclosure, whether at borders, on the housing estates, in school or at work.

The legend has it that ‘we’ are lucky to live here, under democratic totalitarianism with some comfortable cages and technological addiction to escape from reality. But infact we are surrounded by depression, divides of wealth and race and gender, devoid of any earth-based selfsufficiency and dependant on the very machine we hate. This machine is only fuelled by rampant exploitation here and largely in the countries that migrants have fled from, creating a disgusting feedback loop as industrial civilization consumes everything in its path. We want to demolish the myth that there is any good place to be within a global system of interconnected misery.

Our struggle is far from the calls for peaceful (re)integration of ‘illegals’ into this faceless society. We also don’t want to set ourselves up as advocates of homogenized groups of migrants, nor to sanctify them all for their specific oppression. Instead of abstract humanitarian charity, we
search for the rebel affinity that may be found with migrants who maybe want more than a
different regime, and who breach borders, wound guards and destroy prisons from the
Mediterranean to Australia; that may be found in the hearts of those who self-organize, with or
without accomplices.

Borders are just one significant expression of the currently dominant order, in a world of divisions both
physical and psychological, of walls segregating populations, classes and imaginations. Our attack carries the
seeds for another world. One where each and every creature is free to roam as they choose. Our borderless
solidarity bursts out like our flames for people struggling for life unchained, for Gabriel Pombo da
Silva, the CCF imprisoned members, comrades raids in Belgium, Marco Camenisch, Henry Zegarrundo, the
anarchists held in Italy and Denmark, the dignified criminals, lawless fugitives, rebellious migrants and
other socially disaffected who arm their rage to fight for liberation.

We would consider this our leaving gift to the UK Border Agency, due to be renamed and
reorganized in the future – except it turns out it’ll mainly be “the same jobs”, “in the same
places”, “with the same mission”. We know that their same regime of exploitation will continue
more adapted and integrated, so likewise our war is perpetually against all forms of
categorization and control that attempt to hinder free movement and wild life on Earth.
Nothing is over, everything continues.

**Borderless Solidarity Cell (Informal Anarchist Federation)**

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**Antifascist attack against County Sports Club**

*August 7, 2013*

At 3am on Tuesday morning (August 6th) the County Sports Club on Colston Street was attacked. 4 windows were smashed each with 2 panes and SMASH FASCISM was painted on the wall. On July 13th the County Sports Club allowed Close Shave to play, a fascist punk band that have played regularly with Screwdriver and on the bill of Rock Against Communism. Their lyrics advocate bringing back the death penalty for immigrants and gays amongst other things.

Let this be a warning when polite requests fail. Anyone supporting or promoting the racism, homophobia and totalitarianism of the far right (or left) deserves this kind of treatment.

**For freedom of movement and freedom of sexuality!**

**For freedom.**
The (under construction) Police Firearms Training Centre in Black Rock Quarry, Portishead, situated directly beneath the Avon and Somerset Police regional headquarters was our target on the night of 26th August, and we left it with flames licking high. The facility is intended to serve forces across the South West.

After climbing into the quarry we used accelerant to burn the major electrical cables at five junction points throughout the complex, and doused and lighted a pallet of electrical fittings and wires. More than twelve hours later the fire is still burning. It put smiles on our faces to realise how easy it was to enter their gun club and leave a fuck you signature right in the belly of the beast, with a curious fox as our only witness.

On the same night others of us attacked two vehicles near St George, Bristol with paint stripper and by slashing the tyres – one G4S and one Amey. In the UK and globally G4S provide prison and security services and profit from many aspects of prison society. Amey, in a joint venture with GEO transport prisoners in England and Wales and run courthouses in Bristol and North Somerset.
In the City around us the lock down increases; there is a general atmosphere of rising fear and powerlessness; there is more and more surveillance, and security guards with handcuffs appear on more and more doors. Tensions across the world are simmering as people lose faith in the system. As a response to this insecurity the state is militarising it’s police with firearms, remote control drones and ‘non-lethal’ weapons that regularly kill. At the same time they develop the preventative ‘soft cop’ buffer of community support officers, liaison teams and so on, that are more fitting with the democratic image. They even get some help from leftists such as John Drury from Aufheben with his contributions on crowd control, who is as terrified of the unmanageable as the ruling classes are. The British state is a world leader in counter-insurgency techniques. Their expertise is the result of generations long brutal colonisation, like in India, Kenya and to this day in Ireland.

Two years after the major UK riots we think an important door was opened for radical and combative refusal of our daily existence on a wide scale. For those of us who took to the streets it was a breath of clean air in the dungeons, a reminder that the encroachment and control is not complete. Even when the apathy and isolation seems to have taken hold again we continue our attacks. The police and security industry specialise in making us feel powerless in our own lives, and making these attacks goes a long way to overcoming this feeling.

This is also our way of marking two years that Bristol anarchist Badger has evaded capture after the riots. Stay free, keep fighting!

Speaking of which, the night of our action coincides with the announced start of the planned cull of wild badgers in the South West of England. Through attempting to facilitate the cull and stop resistance the police shore up the interests of agricultural industry and the land owning classes. We hope this will be one of many rebellions against this slaughter. Because the state and corporate security forces are integral to this world of exploitation and authority.

Our best wishes to the Greek anarchist Kostas Sakkas in recovery from a successful hunger strike for pre-trial release after 30 months on remand.

The struggle will continue until all are wild and free.

-Angry Foxes Cell in collaboration with ACAB
Barclays bank firebombed: statement + reflection

August 30, 2013

The full weight of our entrapment in within this society presses down on us unbearably. Un-named grief, frustration, loneliness and insecurity are the stories of our lives for the most part, stretching back generations. Like money talks loudest and silences all other principles, like concrete and tarmac isolate us from the rest of the planet as it sickens, and like the dominant culture casts humans as robots to work-consume-reproduce-obey… we are physically and emotionally smothered every day by a cheapened, artificial existence keeping us far from our dreams outside the mould.

Awakening anger pierces the fog of confusion from our alienated condition, seeking out worthy targets for the rage. Any notion of truce with the ruling institutions aiming at reform only conforms to the disarmed roles they would coerce us into. Immediate insurrection seems vital. We raise our masks and step out into the night to speak through a language as old as Domination: sabotage and conspiracy.

"...what are your real desires? Sit in the drugstore, look distant, empty, bored, drinking some tasteless coffee? Or perhaps BLOW IT UP OR BURN IT DOWN" The Angry Brigade.

That’s why we claim responsibility for deploying a simple firebomb against the Barclays bank just off Bath Road in Brislington, Bristol, in the early hours on August 28. Candles burned down inside tyres (giving us time to withdraw) to ignite fuel-soaked rags, which set off three 5-litre containers filled with half petrol and half kerosene with crushed polystyrene (the incendiary) and around 1680 grams of camping gas canisters (the explosive). The bank branch was chosen for its lack of adjacent buildings, and to avoid the extremely low chance of passers-by in the area we positioned the device against the back of the building against a window, instead of multiple devices on opposite sides as is commonly recommended.

With this text we want to share thoughts on banks and the economy, on anarchist struggle against Power in all forms, and on the focus of attack specifically within that. First, our target.

i) THE IRON FIST IN THE VELVET GLOVE

The role and also the traps of the financial system are increasingly clear. The economic captivity they inflict on the masses is one of the strongest chains binding us today, despite recently widespread mistrust of the financial sector. Promises of a hollow “good life” through access to loans, credit cards and mortgages ensnare you, condemning you to sell away your days slaving for the economy to make your income even stretch past food and bills. Soon the oh-so-familiar cycle is at work: borrowing more, extra jobs, payday loans, debt, increased strain in nuclear families and higher levels of domestic violence, drink and drug habits (illicit or pharmaceutical) to cope with the stress, apathy, often snitching and grovelling to “get ahead”. You’re put to work digging your own grave for when you’ve been chewed up and spat out for the profit of the elite, diminishing rebellious spirit by crippling poverty and isolating jobs. And all the while the leering image of fulfilment through commodities is hanging just before your nose as the bar-coded walls silently fall into place around you to imprison your time and creative energy.

For those of us whose millenia-old ancestral knowledge of how to live on the earth independently was violently severed in past centuries at the birth of industrial capitalism (which also seized and fenced off the common land needed to do so), the cage of the economy is near total. And on it goes, while the very real maintainers of financial misery lay within arm’s
reach...

Meanwhile during times of a historically unprecedented gap between the richest and the poorest, the banks funnel huge profits into financing capitalist development, sciences of control, military and civilian “security” technology and industrial infrastructure, suicidally poisoning all forms of life that make up our world as the cancer of Civilisation spreads. Exploitation is the norm of economic activity, not the exception.

Let’s take for example Barclays banking group. Let’s consider the fact they had the power, as the architects of a wealthy elite’s methodical plunder of the rest of us, to fix the Libor banking rate to further enrich themselves. Let’s consider that they are the UK’s largest investor in worldwide coal industry. Recently the largest global investor in the arms trade. Formerly the largest institutional shareholder in notorious animal-torturing group Huntingdon Life Sciences. Financers of ultra-polluting tar sand extraction in Alberta on indigenous territory, possibly the largest capitalist-industrial investment project on Earth and cause of the second-fastest rate of deforestation on the planet. Let’s consider their decision to sell the spending habits and mobile phone locations for millions of people to other companies and government departments. Let’s consider how many people here are caught in the financial prison they weave around us, which quickly becomes State prison in you break laws to make money because you can’t keep up with payments or just prefer it to kissing the bosses’ boots for a reward.

But infact, all these intolerable facts are not our primary reasons for the attack. We believe to constitute a potential threat to the stability of the dominant system, it’s necessary for an attack, on whatever scale, to contradict the core values of that system. For example, bankers openly lifting what they want from the coffers is not really in the interests of the system, which requires more sophisticated exploitation for the modern era. The banking “crisis” and the rate-fixing scandal will be managed by the system in a way that rehumanises its image while smoothly and professionally continuing the social plunder and eco-devastation. We won’t join the chorus simply condemning the banks for their “corruption” (as if an uncorrupted bank would somehow be excusable). Democratic totalitarianism excels at defusing this indignation into reforms, launching investigations, removing the “bad apples” (such as former Barclays CEO Bob Diamond, who walked away with a multi-million pound pension), and appearing to have changed.

In many cases, partial criticisms which don’t seek the roots of Domination infact help it survive, as it can “solve” threatening contradictions a little at a time while moving the problem somewhere else. Ending vivisection, for instance, wouldn’t necessarily harm the system on too major a level if the experiments became too much of an enraging factor to deal with (as happened when Barclays dropped Huntingdon Life Sciences, leading animal rights groups to cease targeting them); although aiming beyond at the cultural view of all life (especially non-human) as property to use at will names the domesticking process that has been there at every step into Civilisation, and aims for total liberation not rights sanctioned by the authorities. As another example, ending police violence in the streets is potentially in the interests of the system when pacification can be created through a culture of identifying with your own oppressor. Failing that, there’s always psychiatry, surveillance, media manipulation and the distracting rackets of various politicians. (But of course Power always relies on different forms of naked force wherever wild life still refuses to surrender autonomy.)

“The process of improving your ability to use materials and techniques is naturally a process of self-education . . . At no point should the level of sterile operational capacity intensify without a corresponding intensification of thought and discourse, and the same obviously holds true for the converse.” Imprisoned Members Cell of CCF-FAI.

Mobilising only around such immediate faces of the system doesn’t contradict its values, and neither does a revolutionary project that
frames itself in the jargon of “inclusion”, “alternative institutions”, “ethical production” or “politics”. So it’s worth clarifying that our attack on this predatory institution aimed at the principle of civilised progress itself which banks represent so well: economic growth, development and expansion, which needs masses chained to their jobs and the earth to be ravaged, the essence of industrial capitalism with all the class slavery and domination of wildness that it requires. In turn, this system is just the latest manifestation of the estrangement and loss we experience everywhere complex societies replace human-scale, face-to-face and voluntary association.

Rejecting this whole narrative which we’ve been force-fed, we’ve unhesitatingly decided to attempt destabilising and destroying whatever forms the economic worldview, so as to experience a wild world of free lives in relationship: as opposed to mere mutually-reducing “resources”, human or otherwise. Rather than seek accommodation in the system or it to “improve” itself, we fully scorn everything its degraded existence can offer us, including the corpse of “rights” or “justice” which we have long since buried along with our obligations to civil society.

ii) CONSCIENCE IN FLAMES

Of course it could be argued that our attack was strictly symbolic, perhaps causing damages to one bank branch but no more. However the importance to us was breaking the complicity of silence, to leave signals of our determination to fight there for whoever feels the same, leaving a shadow of uncertainty as to when some element or another of those the system exploits will appear to shatter its practice, its property and its peace. In today’s world it seems like a distraction to (at least exclusively) direct our forces against the most spectacular faces of the State or capitalism: whereas the capillary network of branches and infrastructure by which this world administered are within reach at all times. (Although that said, nothing warms our hearts
like when the Barcelona stock exchange was stormed during the March 29 riots last year, a top Italian nuclear executive was ambushed and shot last May, or this very week anarchists destroyed a multi-million pound police firearms training centre outside Bristol with a huge fire!

And then... who knows? Maybe we'll live to see industrial society collapse under its own unsustainable weight, and make as best we can to relearn what Civilisation erased. Maybe we'll encounter more comrades and see our worlds turned upside down by our struggle. Maybe we'll die early in the attempt. Or maybe we won't, but nothing will seem to change.

But for us everything changed when we decided to live like warriors instead of slaves. We honour our grief and frustration, our loneliness and insecurity, by neither suppressing or surrendering to them: we take these broken pieces of self in our hands to craft victim into fighter, and stand proud as antagonists in this world. To attack what attacks us.

“We believe that not everything depends on the context and the situation, like something external that floats in the air. Situations are made by us, by creating for ourselves, working hard and creating our own projects, being protagonists in the social war and having an active role, being the protagonists of our own reality and struggle... we consider that during and after an action or demonstration a series of things happen: first we gain – that is, we achieve the objective thereby concretely sabotaging the objective, and then we lose since we return to adhering to spectacular normality, we abandon the subversive role and we go on to exist within the networks again; thus and so far as it is possible, actions should go on extending themselves, perpetuating themselves and making themselves daily and habitual until – together with words, solidarity and every type of anarchist practice – they can create some subversive social fabrics and some strong bases of counterpower.” FAI / Anti-authoritarian Insurgency of Action.

In this way, we are armed as much with our resolve as with our bombs. What’s more, our friends, loves and co-conspirators know well that we embrace life with all the laughter, sweat and tears, because we strongly believe that there are many liberating ways to live, learn and fight. We’re overcoming our fears, resignation, muzzling, the light-as-silk collars that some almost come to love wearing. Our attack is one of many methods for this. In order to more clearly think, feel, act, heal, to relate to the place of our lives in profound connection instead of alienation. We want a community whose possibility lies past the ruins of Civilisation. We know that there are many other enemies of society, instinctive or conscious, that conspire and strike out without feeling the need for revolutionary identities or communiques. Setting out to battle everything constricting free life is an option open to everyone wherever you are, not the “job” of some militant elite.

iii) SELF-ORGANISATION

The affinity group carrying out this action see ourselves as a single spear of the many-pronged anarchist attack on authority and alienation. A small circle meet to plot where, when and what
to strike, minimally organised into a broader informal structure of mutual aid and complicity, floating on and as part of the vast sea of rebellious thought and practice in all its multiplicity covering ever-more aspects of our lives as we strive for coherency and responsibility to our values, towards freedom. A small circle that, above all, forms and dissolves itself according to the will of each individual participant based on its capacity to co-exist with their autonomy as well as providing access to a common front against diffuse Power and Civilisation.

Waging guerrilla war doesn’t make us martyrs, leaders, or preachers. We act purely on our own terms. We don’t see ourselves as “advanced” just because this time we chose a bomb over a brick. When we speak of what exists in daily life as social war, we are describing fighting against a complex web of false choices, physical controls, social pressures, limitations of time and habitat, the near-total rule of the economy, and more. We don’t see all of these battles as most appropriate for physical violence or property damage. In some, the insurrection is against the moralising, identity roles and domestication that society commands – tasks that must start at the individual level before being ripe for communal efforts, if desired. The anarchist guerrilla must struggle on all these fronts, but crucially doesn’t exclude targeting physical institutions and managers who enforce this world. Without readiness for the offensive (born of direct personal experience) we wouldn’t be ready to defend any of our individual or collective liberty from our enemies. Too often we see radicals step back from the clash and retreat into deluded narcissism or the relative comfort of those social movements who always put conflict at the bottom of the list of possibilities.

This is the first time we’ve used bombs as weapons, and we’re confident that they can be deployed without too much trouble. Pretty much anyone is capable of assembling devices similar to ours, just to dispel the myth of specialisation that often automatically accompanies them. We think though that at another time to someone else, smashing a single window could have the same significance (if the act doesn’t look for dialogue with the system or recognition from it). Most significant is the heightened possibility and pleasure unlocked by direct action instead of waiting and compromise. Besides, we agree with our unknown comrades of CCF-Russia (when claiming the arson on a motorway construction site in July) that holding back from attacking for some “superior” level of technical expertise and equipment can lead to paralysis and inaction.

But in our own lives we decided to escalate our experience of the day-to-day war against Civilisation, to push ourselves beyond what we previously were familiar with, to widen our toolbox to live anarchy in our relationships and our revolt. The more methods we learn to have at our disposal, the more adaptable we’ll be in conflict and the harder it’ll be for our enemies to out-manoeuvre us. This is as true for our project of armed joy as our written communication, our own practical land-skills to survive and thrive in balance with other life, and our interactions which aim to undermine and annihilate all hierarchy. Revolt needs everything: posters and books, reflection and discussion, daggers and arson. The only interesting question, as has been said before, is how to combine them.

Precisely because we are not “experts”, because when we get home from the attack we too struggle with all our hypocries, our contradictions and humiliations that make up the apparatus of power relations in contemporary society, we have to pluck up the courage to go through with our experiments, our mistakes and successes. To keep our dignity, rebellion must be part of the fabric of our reality, not confined to demonstrations, anniversaries or moments of wider social upheaval.

iv) ALWAYS WITH THE REBELS

We also write to acknowledge and bolder the explicitly anti-authoritarian constellation of groups and individuals (whether we know their names or not) who take war to the system on all its fronts. Today we are seeing an intensification of openly combative actions in the region and internationally. We are extremely proud of our comrades and hope this adds to them, as their
words and deeds have enriched us. Seizing opportunities to send signals to them and stand by
the prisoner-hostages is not at all an afterthought – it’s an inseparable part of who we are and
what we fight for. It seems stupid to dismiss this as just being self-referential. Ever since we
linked our individual revolts into a collective urge for destruction-creation, we decided that to
neglect the prisoners in struggle was to forget the struggle itself. The important thing is never
to blind ourselves to others who also rise up.

Our bombing fell during the announced month that class-struggle libertarians Marcelo
Villarroel, Juan Aliste and Freddy Fuentevilla finally stand trial in Chile. Their combatative
stance and letters from prison have been an inspiration since their capture in Argentina five
years ago. Despite our differences we are joined by a minimal common aim: immediate uprising
towards the disappearance of class society. They are a part of the ever-evolving
anti-authoritarian territory across borders and languages. Here we can exchange ideas, practices
and of course mutual critique, enabling us to grow and learn. So rather than absolute theoretical
agreement (on say the nature of Society and Civilisation) today we experience a solidarity
stemming from the shared passion to fight, here and now without delay, free at all times to walk
the separate paths our analyses open. (For the class ideologues who slander the insurgents and
still hide waiting for the mythical “necessary conditions”, however, our unreserved contempt.

“ . . . in a sterile high-security cell, in the beautiful darkness of a mountain lined with clandestine
footsteps, in anonymous urban sabotage . . . in a poem-song, in a declaration text, in an honest
surrender to the heart . . . memory and subversion exist independent of the pounding waves of
repression.”

Strength to Marcelo, Juan and Freddy, and to Carlos
Gutierrez who is still wanted in their case. The Greek
anarchists arrested in Kozani and in Nea Filadelfea
and in Thessaloniki. Roger Clement (Fighting For
Freedom Coalition-Ottawa), Marco Camenisch, and
Walter Bond (Animal Liberation Front-Lone Wolf) are
yet more reasons to stay firm in the struggle.

We call on anyone feeling discontent: establish the
confidence in yourself to arm against authority and
indifference. Let’s rise against banks, work, money and
the Civilisation behind them. From banks robbed in
Santiago, bailliffs shot in London, and factories
overturned in Dhaka; from shoplifting to looting in
Bariloche and Bristol, employment agencies smashed
and jobcentres burned in Trento and Berlin; from
insubordination, workplace sabotage and indefinite
strike; from confrontational appropriations of buildings
or land to free them from commerce in Cardiff or this
last week in Girona; to the remaining indigenous
resistance to prevent being assimilated into the global
wage-worker economy . . . 10, 100, 1000 mutinies
against the tyranny of the market.

And why stop there? Towards life without calculation
and management, one of freedom and wilderness. Of
anarchy. Let’s be the system’s internal enemy,
unpredictable and uncontrollable.

For continual attack and subversion,

INFORMAL ANARCHIST FEDERATION / IMPROVISED GUERRILLA
FORMATION
City council mobile CCTV vans attacked
December 5, 2013

this is for the curtain-twitchers & community-snitchers, “their out there!” bolt your doors, lock up your daughters.

It a lovely sunny day, the last day of november, not long past twelve, the location according to the view-finder is the foot of brunel’s famous bridge, so positioned at smeaton road,hotwells,all that was left as they say “just a little speck of dust on the lense” and the noise of a car-alarm. 3 vans had their windscreens cracked, 2 were mobile cctv vans & the other was a security. This was just a small token for the distaste felt for being constantly watched, that so many people vocalise, but ultimately feel powerless to act. There will be more actions like this so keep your eyes open, a view to a thrill, you’d think day-time in the city & cctv they’d have our lives sewn-up……..not so, Still chucking rocks in the free world.

little sister wears a balaclava ( g.orwell ?)

EDF vehicle burnt out against Hinkley Point
December 17, 2011

EDF vehicle burnt out in Bristol. (17.12.2013)

Last night in Bristol we set fire to a van owned by EDF, the large energy provider and joint owner of Hinkley Point nuclear power plant in Somerset. Hinkley is one of several new nuclear projects in England.

Nuclear power is on the rise. Energy suppliers such as EDF continue to centralise resources and capital by promoting increasingly dangerous and precarious form of energy. In desperate attempts to invent “solutions” to their energy crisis (ie. maintain the status quo of energy consumption), process such as fracking, CCS (carbon capture and storage) and many others are presented as “green” alternatives to the more traditional forms of fuel. Energy companies are only interested in short term economic gain.

They do not have the solutions to the problems connected with these new forms of unstable energy. Nuclear is one of the most pronounced examples of this. Uranium mining for nuclear production is an endlessly destructive scramble for the last remaining supplies. Indigenous communities still on the land are usually the ones bearing the brunt (such as the Dinah, the San and the Mirrar).

The arrogant nuclear bosses obsession with growth and profit has already condemned us all to 100,000s of years of toxic waste, Radiation effects the DNA of every living being. Inevitably large scale disasters such as Fukushima grab headlines for a short time but the constant low level leaks at plants such as Sellafield in East England go largely unnoticed.

“Civil” nuclear power is inseparable from military purposes, one often hiding the development of the other. Waste from civil facilities is reprocessed into weapons grade plutonium. The huge scale control, centralisation of resources and capital, and blind dependance on complex science and technology represented by nuclear power are the anit-thesis of the world we desire and fight towards.
We stand in solidarity with Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai, imprisoned for shooting and injuring a high ranking nuclear executive, and with Marco Camenisch, also imprisoned for industrial sabotage.

**Mutant Cell**

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**Catholic Cathedral attacked with graffiti**

*December 24, 2011*

Early morning mass was blackened this Christmas eve for the Catholic Cathedral in Bristol’s wealthy Clifton neighborhood. Overnight we glued locks on their doors, spraypainted “without god”, “without law”, and anarchy symbols on the grand exterior and signed “queers x”.

We hate the many forms of churches and priests who work to instill subservience and patriarchy with their wretched morals, when not still with the whip. The Catholic Church, especially, dug one of the deepest foundations of authority in the Westernized world, as well as ascribing strict gender roles and turning ‘heterosexuality’ from one possibility into an obligation. All in the interests of power, mass economic productivity and future reproduction of the oppressive social order, making our individual bodies and desires evermore alien to us. Neither do we forget the indigenous peoples put to the torch or converted at gunpoint once their lifeways were eroded by the marauding civilization, a missionary-aided genocide still underway today.

There’s recently been ‘Gender Ideology’ conferences attended by former pope John Paul II gathering catholic fundamentalists, right-wing figures and bigoted scientists still trying to criminalize, pathologize or ‘medicalize’ queerness. There the old nationalist values of ‘God, Country + Family’ were explicitly arrayed against our joyful lives of love and rage – and one conference was invaded and disrupted by a contingent of our fellow gender renegades. It’s indeed ironic that the catholics propagate the myth that ‘homosexuals’ are in fact pedophiles.

We admire the courage of anyone subverting the gender identity they’ve been assigned, whatever else separates us. Our everyday battles against patriarchy, the masked ‘compas’ who overturned a pro-life church in Chile, the women self-organizing against subjugation in Tunisia, or our queer siblings defying homophobic law in Russia, not a step back!!

To the five anarchists arrested in Barcelona (they’re charged with plotting and carrying out bombings against sacred places of the monarchy, Hispanic colonization and fascist-church collusion), we send you a gesture beside the many others aiming to pierce your isolation. Our
small attack was timed to tarnish one of the church’s holy days, and comes slightly after the international week of solidarity. Just as well anytime is always the time for revolt!! To dignified prisoner Gabriel Pombo Da Silva, held under a harsh FIES regime like two of the arrested, we also send our warmest affection in these cold days.

“Yesterday, today, and forever… No god No master”
– Mónica Caballero

QUEERS GONE WILD!!

20-25 4x4s and SUVs sabotaged
December 2013

Anarchist-Hooligans strike again…

Too many city-slickers playing at being country folk, driving around in status symbols, in a dream where the fuel never runs out, “oh it’s such a stress parking the landie, when I do the school run” why not get a smaller car, ride bikes, bus it, use your legs or even better have a lobotomy…

In the middle of December last year in Bristol, Sneyd park & Bathwick hill area of Bath, somewhere between 20-25 4×4’s/service utility vehicles had the air removed from their front tyres via several puncture wounds, there wasn’t a splash of mud on any of them! If we embrace a wide array of the aspects of anarchy then we can possibly feel healthier, more rounded & balanced as a whole within our own being, attempting to address the issues as best one see’s fit realising you can’t just pick & choose the nice bits that might neatly line-up with what one’s decided is comfortable. To acknowledge the challenge to take up & carry the torch that one extra mile, firstly for ourselves & our close friends, remembering out there the glowing spirits that flicker & know in themselves they too have to kick themselves out of this shit that we are all in, seeing that generally things are a little rough around the edges but exciting at times & on some days even potentially dangerous.

Passion goes out to all our friends in arms & those unconquered & refusing to drown & finally to those that are held against their will, (not forgetting Danny-boy who is mentioned later). We poke a stick into the spokes of the wheel of the machine, so to hamper the grinding pace of everyday life (just applying a little bit of brake).

It’s all been done before, the aim is not to strive for total originality, but this may arise through experiments & attempts at problem-solving, focusing on the bigger picture then reflecting back on one’s self. Hope you haven’t been bored by the written words as we know that they come cheap when they just role off the tongue, today’s headlines is tommorow’s chip-paper, consumed, screwed-up & recycled, but you’ve got to ask yourselves the question is anything that particularly that unique? Oh Danny-boy, you left us way too early, wherever you are we hope this deed of defiance is able to reach out to you, as I write this your absence is all too clear, it sinks in that we really didn’t see enough of you, brings tears running down my face. Others & myself will remember you for your utter contempt for authority & anyone who tried to impose their will upon you “fuck you, i won’t do what you tell me”: r.a.t.m, so in a hooligan stylee & a leisurely fashion we pulled this one off, we hope it gets your blessing, feeling that you would probably relate to this if you were still around, bringing a wry smile to your cheeky face, this class-act is for you brother, signing out now, ava rage x

the bureau of radical adjustment, ava rage cell/fai
8th of January – incendiary device on delay left at Kia car showroom, Lower Bristol Road, Bath. Damage to the building facade. A brand new 4-x-4 and three cars also consumed by the flames. A direct attack on exploitative manufacturing industries who profit from choking our world, who also make status symbols for our class enemies. This section of the Earth Liberation Front and Informal Anarchist Federation has them in our sights.

With the cops cleared of the execution of Mark Duggan that started the riots of 2011, as good a time as ever to re-ignite the streets.

Unfortunately for the enemy, the 32 year old man arrested for the action has no relation to our group.

Active solidarity with:
- the stirrings of new struggle against road building programs in the UK (traces of which we saw in Combe Haven), specifically with the ones who won’t take the path of liberals and pacifists next time.
- Swiss anarchist Marco Camenish (who is on hunger strike and refusing work since the 30th of December) and also informal anarchist prisoners Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai in Italy.
- Henry Zegarrundo (who we recognise as a kindred spirit through his letters) targeted by the Bolivian prosecutors, those on the run, and the anarchist and indigenous peoples still fighting the highway development.

*Bristol – Toluca – Jakarta – Moscow – Buenos Aires – Melbourne – keep the fires burning*

**Perennial Resistance ELF-FAI**
We think that anyone serious about confronting domination as it stands today will sooner or later come to the questions of science and technology. It’s clear how both have an increasingly vital role to the ruling order by creating, managing and spreading control within society and over the rest of an earth we’re falsely separated from. By investigating the development of these powers in the region and who makes it possible, we came to Vinci.

In the U.K, the French multinational energy and construction giant Vinci carry out specialist construction services for the police, Ministry of Defence and prisons, earthworks for motorways, railways and quarrying, power stations, offshore rigs and nuclear new-builds, as well as shopping centres and the like. Worldwide this corporation and its subsidiaries are active in many fields: dam building, private security, airports, uranium mines; these scum have no problem with inflicting carnage on the earth and us as part of it, raising an industrial cage around us both figuratively and literally, and feeding off the labour of their workforce while the bosses line their pockets and move on to the next contract.

In these respects we attack Vinci anyway, but one of our main motives for targeting them is because they’re responsible for building the new Biological Life Sciences Centre soon to open at the University of Bristol.

We set off an explosive at Vinci’s offices at Vantage business park, north of Bristol, at approximately 3:45 yesterday morning (6th January). It was placed with the aim of cutting off power lines, scorching the exterior and starting a fire inside. We considered the resident company in the next-door part of the unit a worthy secondary target in any damages (Whitehead, another construction and building servicing group who do commissioned work for Vinci).

A £54 million facility, the Biological Life Sciences Centre will offer courses for “the next generation of biologists” as well as current specialists, aiming to improve collaboration with the university’s nanotechnology centre and just across from the Medical School’s genetic engineering, vivisection and animal breeding labs. The world capitalist system sees advances in fields like this as key to the next round of discovery, enclosure and wealth creation. As the area around Bristol and Bath houses the biggest hi-tech design cluster in the world after America’s Silicon Valley, this “revolution” is happening on our doorsteps, “with Bristol being an exciting and ideal place to carry out research over the coming years.”

(This is in the words of Professor Gary Foster, whose work at the University of Bristol in genetic-modification and other biotechnologies feeds the noxious pharmaceutical industry such as GlaxoSmithKline. The university breeds genetically-altered mice, for example, then morbidly subjects these living creatures to extensive nerve damage and hand the results to drug companies.)
One of the main thrusts of this drive is synthetic biology, a disturbing practice using the latest technology for “rewriting and rebuilding natural systems to provide engineered surrogates.” In 2012 a conference at the University of Bristol stated that synthetic biology “could become a driving force of the national economy,” and the government have declared it a top research priority. The European Union has now awarded £3.3 million to the University of Bristol just to create “public awareness” promoting the practice.

The logic of these kind of sciences has, as its primary goal, attempted control over everything. They reduce knowledge, that might be more deeply gained in wild relationships of interaction and interdependence, to a detached universe of obsessive measurement and objectification, arrogantly separating parts from the whole that gives them meaning as if everything were merely a machine to dismantle. This scientific tradition is closely tied up with the worldview that emerged during the early formation of commercial capitalism, which sought and still seeks to adapt lifeforms to the drive for profits, justify the domination and destruction of the living world, and implement a macho uber-rationalism scornful of everything fragile and organic on which all species depend. Right now, plant and animal genes are broken down and optimised in labs so they suit productive standards and to create new private property through patents. Where we might see the unique leaves, seeds, bodies and minds of ourselves and our fellow creatures, this science (if not necessarily each scientist, the results are the same) just sees lifeless objects to pick apart, study and sacrifice on the altar of economic usefulness to their paymasters who reap the benefits from this sick and sickening society.

For instance we can see the current push for genetically-modified (G.M) food in the U.K by the media, industry and government, for which these research institutions play an important part: such as advances in biotechnology for crops thanks to the Long Ashton Research Station run by the University of Bristol in the past. Scientists like Gary Foster are well aware of the dangers from G.M genes “leaking into the natural world” (again, his own words) but apparently the money and prestige from their mastery are worth more than our insignificant lives. A decade ago the first wave of G.M trials was slowed here by sustained pressure and crop-trashing; today sabotage continues from Holland to the Philippines, and others like us also won’t be accomplices to these developments or their agents through inaction. It’s necessary to attack the new wave of so-called ‘life’ science facilities at the root (those who design them, those who construct them) not just criticize the more well-known products of their research: because to these institutions all knowledge becomes another opportunity for control and exploitation, so extending the scope of a system that’s in reality annihilating and artificialising life in all it’s beauty.

Abroad, plant and animal die-offs as well as increased allergies and intolerances are already being attributed to G.M. With the bio-tech industry nonchalantly unleashing its monsters, especially across lands in the global south where patented G.M seeds that must be re-bought yearly exert a stranglehold, it many take generations to show some of their effects on infinitely complex webs of life that evolved over millions of years. That is, before civilised cultures began intensively manipulating them, today even down to the nano-scale. With the like of synthetic biology we’re moving fast into a future where even lifeforms “in nature” are the products of laboratory experiments, and nothing remains that isn’t engineered somewhere along the line by a human-centred system of scientific totalitarianism.

For obvious reasons as people turning against laws and domination in more than words we also stand against new policing and identification controls enabled by more forensics, biometrics etc. and the introduction of their common use in the information-age social prison (mobile fingerprinting, facial recognition systems, D.N.A swabs etc. – they didn’t stop us yet though…).

This isn’t Vinci’s only U.K venture into this lucrative field either. They’ve also undertaken future expansions in science, technology and engineering departments at Swansea University. They’ve commissioned Whitehead for the job too, their neighbours at Vantage business park, who are now also marked by our attack. This will be the result for as long as society steps in line to realise the fantasies of a despotic science, reaching for their dreams which are our nightmares.
So what about the ‘benefits’ that these hi-tech institutions want to sell us, founded as they are on massive energy consumption and resource extraction, on the authority of a specialist caste’s somehow-unreproachable meddling with our environments, and on the domestication of wild spaces and the torture of other animals? They promise us advances in (human) health, food and technology, fostering the illusion that science can fix all the damage incurred by the dominant ways of living. They expect us to forget how many of the diseases, disorders and cancers are directly caused by the same industrial output, globalised mass society, psychologically and physically unhealthy habitats and toxic workplaces of a culture which goes toward these labs and more in the first place. They expect us to forget that agri-monoculture production led to an anti-nutritious diet of manipulated short-term energising/comfort food at an escalating cost to the land, while diverse wild plant and animals species we used to coexist with get wiped out by the system’s endless expansion and pollution. (Vinci’s works being a prime example.) They expect us to forget how it’s precisely the advances in complex technological systems that generate our dependance on their designers and manufacturers, alienation from ourselves as well as the earth as a whole and each other at the personal level, and increased efficiency in achieving the goals of society’s rulers; profit and power, through misery and exploitation, pushing the planetary ecology toward collapse.

In short the sickness is civilisation itself, including its false solutions to its chronic problems steadily impoverishing survival for human and non-human populations alike, an unacceptable transgression on our intent to live freely.

Choosing direct action over despair we declare our part in a low-intensity urban war in its early stages across Bristol against the many faces of the system, with stones, paint or fire and with the plans, debates and daily refusals; sometimes almost imperceivable, sometimes devastating. In Britain’s ugly cities and intensively-managed countryside a determined minority of rebels and wilderness-lovers sporadically take the offensive: some striking anonymously, some forming one-off action groups, and some having tested the open proposal of the Informal Anarchist Federation; not only in the south-west but Nottingham, Cambridge, London and now Glasgow.

Everything is at stake to us and we ourselves have no time to waste. Toward recovering our own volition and finding affinities for rebellion, our methods shall include intractable conflict without pause or negotiation: and much more besides, breaking with this miserable civil order with a wide variety of experiments and the full scope of our imaginations. Destruction is just another indispensable side of creation (and vice versa) not an opposite, we’re now sure of that. Our insurgency would be justified as an end in itself in the face of this life we’re raised into, but it’s beyond only being reactive. It acts to solidify that we’re already taking back in our face-to-face encounters and in our minds. It allows potential space for new and stronger relationships chosen by aware individuals mindful of all lifeforms, through actively weakening the current modes. Until some point of breakdown where whatever comes next is out of any society-wide control and reasoning, and so beyond society. Liberation can mean nothing less; tending toward the wild.

The international and internal battleground between anarchy and domination holds both losses and gains, of which some are known and some unknown to us. With this is mind we start the new year by celebrating the release of Braulio Duran (an unrepentant eco-anarchist who was held by the Mexican State) last October, albeit into the wider prison-society. When we discover solidarity with a locked-up comrade through their attitude and words, it doesn’t diminish when they get ‘out’; it just creates more grounds to keep fighting toward our mutual goals. Still ‘inside’, we remember the total-liberationist Adrian Gonzales and anarchist bandits of the Kozani case as well as Babis Tsilianidis; and Marco Camenisch, denied parole once again.

Respect to the Mi’kmaq Warriors engaging the Canadian State/petro-industry aggressors in incendiary clashes, a renewed phase of indigenous militancy, and to the ones consistently defending both Khimki forest and the land of Notre-Dames-Des-Landes from Vinci’s developments. A raised fist above the prison walls for Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito aka F.A.I/F.R.I Olga Nucleus, until cellblocks are rubble and jailers are ash.
On a sadder note, 2013 ended with the anarchist Sebastian Oversluij being fatally shot in Santiago while trying to collectively seize back some of what the banks extract every day from the exploited. Neither a victim or a martyr, we simply see someone who didn’t bow their head and accept the system’s rules, and we are glad to have such people as comrades. Even within this nonsensical, resigned and cynical modern culture, every action demands a reaction. When they kill one of the resisters, our enemies must pay in any way. This is how our struggle leaves behind empty gestures and keeps the dead from falling into oblivion. Blackened offices won’t replace split blood, but they signal that same social war isn’t finished, and our grief births rage.

Informal Anarchist Federation (F.A.I) Insurgents: Bristol North

Arson attack on Royal Marine Reserves
February 11, 2014

11-02-2014, Royal Marine Reserve base in Clifton, Bristol.

Military propaganda portrays the armed forces as protectors of ‘the people’. Since the first civilisations this has been used to justify conquest and occupation of territory for the ruling classes, sacrificing their lackeys to build up empires big or small.

We’re expected to believe (or at least act as if we believe) that what’s in the politicians, the generals and the economists interests is really in our interests.

But we’re not fooled. This morning smoke rose above Clifton from the two vans and one large white personnel transporter we’d torched with low-tech firestarters after breaching the compound of the Royal Marine Reserve’s Bristol detachment, who’ve been deployed in Iraq and
Afghanistan. It’s disgusting how these part-time commandos think they can operate here with immunity while elsewhere they and their colleagues slaughter, rape and terrorise. Alexander Blackman – the British Marine executioner exposed recently for his actions in Afghanistan – is only one example of their systematic wider brutality, and not the pitied aberration he’s painted as. Besides, wherever the military are they’re a symbol of the State domination they enforce. Perhaps to anyone with a view over this compound that symbol is now a little shaken. For the gears of the warmachine these guerrilla strikes behind the lines remain a constant threat.

We see them recruiting in the towns, colleges and jobcentres, luring in the exploited and excluded classes with bloodmoney, moronic patriotism and the promise of adventure to replace their misery, with macho bootcamps or the controlrooms for videogame-style remote killing technology. Despite cuts Britain still has the fourth largest military budget in the world as it clings to an imperial legacy of genocide and enslavement. Today the Western armies are flexible for democratic-expansionist wars, ‘peacekeeping’ interventions to facilitate the new colonial age of corporate globalisation, counterinsurgery, geopolitical manoeuvrings and resource control, or prepared for internal policing and strikebreaking. Their ends are the same as ever, here as in Afghanistan, Mali or Libya – the rulers lie, the poor die, capitalism profits.

War is a permanent feature of the global system, propelled to previously-unimaginable scales by new technology and mass social organisation, and is necessary to the powerful both for social control and economic growth. Terror war, drugs war, oil war, soon even war over clean water – this is the death-march of industrial civilisation. The drudgery of locked-down ‘peace’ in ‘post-industrial’ Britain is really only thin ice upheld by the loot from numerous engineered conflicts abroad over land, minerals and labour. By widening the cracks we find in this veneer, we ground our attack in a rich heritage of uprisings and insubordination. Social war, that is between us and all coercion and the exploitation of the earth, is the only war we accept and wage. We take aim in order to highlight the clear opportunities to cast aside our passivity in a social order founded on our collaboration with what oppresses us. We can revolts with all suitable means for the possibility of a life free from authority, individually or with those close to us, while overcoming the ones constantly despoiling our minds, our relationships and the environment. The system – which includes the military and more – tries to turn all that we love into a regime of obedience, alienation and lifeless commodities. For this reason they must be met with intolerance and hostility wherever they tread. They should have expected us.

Against the elite’s global power games – international solidarity!
Against the Queen’s militarised peace – social war!

- Mutiny Group of FAI -

nb. – This is the way we choose to honour the tragically short life of our comrade Darko Mathers. In ‘this world we must leave’, Darko got an early escape. We only wish he could have stayed so we might one day dance in the ruins together. As it is, we hold him close not for a minute of silence but for a lifetime of combat. Once more, the words of Bruno Filippi: “Souls who are grieving for this world, this is why I call you to gather together.
The flag is already waving.
It is black; it stands for mourning. Forward then, wild Promethei. The cry of vengeance is music sweet and dear.”

Our target’s security force counterparts in Russia are presently gathered for the Winter Olympics. Remembering the huge spectacle of troops and guards for the London Games and bearing in mind that the event always means militarised repression among the other atrocities, our arson demonstrates that the anti-Olympic flame lives on. Also strongly in our thoughts when going into action was Ilya Romanov who got injured in October in that country and is now held once again by the fucking cops.

Our full support is with the indomitable stance of Monica Caballero and Francisco Solar as they await trial for direct action in Zaragoza (Spain) – no retreat, no surrender. Lastly this attack welcomes Brazil’s anarchist explosion of black-bloc streetfighters and internationalist incendiary cells (among them the FAI), and sends a hearty salute to International Direct Action
Group – GADI /1 & 2/ in France and to the inmates who rose up last month at HMP Oakwood here in England, beautiful in their rebellion. Onwards, more fire to the State, armies, schools, churches, bureaucracies, prisons and the civilisation creating them.

Night-time stalking of fascists – EDL Chris Pugh’s car vandalised and fascist hang-out Apple Tree pub smashed

April 29, 2014

Some local fascist haunts have been hunted down in our areas. This is to combat continuing fascist stirrings like racist assaults, intimidation and graffiti here in Bristol* and elsewhere. The far-right will be fought in the daytime like in Brighton last Sunday, or at night when we choose.

EDL Fascist Chris Pugh plays as DJ around Bristol pubs under the name of The Last Resort, and runs a retro shop under the same name on the Wells Road. His street stall in St.Nicholas market ceased trading after being publicly paintbombed on a Saturday by anti-fascists. His shop is a few minutes from his house in Knowle West (47 Salcombe Rd), the stomping ground of his youth. So, on the night of Tuesday 15th April, all four tyres were punctured on his Grey Jaguar car, and body work scratched. It’s the least we can do for him right now.

Two days later, at the Apple Tree pub in Philips street, off Bedminster parade, two downstairs windows and one upstairs were smashed at sunrise. The pub is a consecutive meeting place of EDL organisers, such as Mickey Bayliss, who organised the EDL demo in central Bristol last year as their South-West co-ordinator.

Attack the racists and fascists, history has always proved that they’ll be the allies of the bosses, patriarchs and the state, pretending to speak for the white underdog. It’s a mistake to let them fester.

Lastly, across the channel in Calais fascists have fallen back for the moment after an international call-out to fight their repeated attacks on squats and migrants, though the bigger enemy remains the authorities and the state.

Solidarity to Damien Camelio also in France doing time for burning buildings used by the army, the prison service, National Front, and calling to arms against repression in all forms.

Neither Left nor Right – Anti-State and Anti-Fascist

RESPONSIBILITY CLAIM – SOLIDARITY KNOWS NO LAW

We firebombed the courthouse in central Yate, on 22nd May. 10 camping gas canisters were enough to devastate the front lobby, with a homemade napalm mixture as the detonator. We chose the early hours to avoid any injuries. Social war doesn’t sleep: at any given time, irrepressibles somewhere are awake and angry, raging against impositions of the governing system which wants us as its cogs. That night it happened to be us.

New and bigger custody centers; more restrictive laws, injunctions and “anti-social behavior” legislation; legal aid reduced to entrap the poor; phonelines for snitching; different shades of cops embedding themselves throughout the layers of society; probation schemes to reinsert convicts into the world of wage-slavery and consumerism; a whole prison-world of concrete cities and surveilled data-streams overseen by the powerful, armed with CCTV, biometrics and electronic tagging to defend their wealth and social order…

And also carrying out this authoritarian disciplining of the individual, are the courts. Enforcers of human misery, shamelessly applying laws drawn up by the upper classes, politicians and business leaders. Stamping down to subdue people who are mostly trying to find means of survival while capitalism pits all against all.

The justice system tries to pass itself off as the only protection from the very same desperation and imbalances that civilized society creates. Its real function is and has always been to protect and sanctify property and privilege above all: and to usurp free communities or individuals.
capacity for autonomy, retaliation or reconciliation.

The system is not interested in changing the root causes of much “crime” (poverty, alienation, boredom, etc) at more than a tokenistic level, but simply manages its distribution while keeping the exploited at each others throats. This is especially true as the market now makes a booming business out of prisoners low-cost labor and from the private detention industry. Everything stays in line so long as the personal neighborhoods of bosses and judges remain sanctuaries free from the discontents of the class society they maintain: a sanctuary we fully intend on breaking.

At the heart of “prosperous Europe” is a vast modern underclass of unemployed, criminals and “illegals” (most others still being far from the industrial workers of last century) and who are primarily disciplined by welfare, migration controls and of course the judicial system. Ours is the era of temporary work, the necessity to be flexible as an obedient resource for the owner class, and endless brain-numbing service jobs with high turnover of dissatisfied and alienated staff. Illegality and the black market are a lifeline for millions of those consigned to deprivation on the margins of a society whose welfare recipients are increasingly supervised like “deviants” or “criminals”. Then once locked up (or put on dole schemes) we can be forced to work under threat of further punishment and made “productive” under conditions of slave labor, so solving one of capitalism’s contradictions.

And yet the administrators of the prison-industrial complex must remember that they still don’t hold the absolute power they’d like to over the unruly. Private screws of the Sodexo corporation learned this only two months ago when fifty or more prisoners seized control of a wing at HMP Northumberland. All types of wardens in this infernal prison-world are counting on the exploited not to consciously rebel and begin a clean sweep of any form of control-system which limits us. 22nd May, and every other day in our own way, we set out to prove them wrong.

As a result of the blast, multiple windows were taken out and the canopy of the courthouse building was also set ablaze, and anyone can see: power is not untouchable. Here’s a single example among many that they who want to can take the war back to the streets, offices or houses of the people plainly responsible for administering the pain and suffering of ourselves and our loved ones who are humiliated and condemned in these places. This doesn’t end here... For a complete end to all prisons and not just the most physical ones: the whole ensemble of confinement and domestication whether through surveillance, “soft-touch” policing, implanted morality, gender constructs, wage-slavery, schedules, social classes, cities, etc.

We know that individuals still exist in the grim times we’re living through who face the judicial system as fighters with dignity and without self-victimization, and our hearts are with them. When even the prospect of incarceration stops outweighing our fury we can be strong indeed. Specifically this time we mention Gabriel Pombo Da Silva: many years of isolation for the criminal revolt carried out since his youth have so far failed to neutralize his lust for life. Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito are locked up with heavy tariffs after shooting a nuclear industry boss but as can be seen from their letters and prison-struggle they haven’t lost their spark. Babis Tsilianidis remains alongside one of the combative communities in Koridallos prison comprised of more anarchists than we can name, who sabotage the official and unofficial functions seeking to weaken and annihilate them. And liberation warrior Marco Camenisch, ever-lucid, whose decades-long detention is endlessly getting renewed by the authorities.

To the remaining anarchists “flying high or laying low” to resist interrogation by grand jury in the United States, Felicity Ryder and now also Mario Lopez who are underground in Mexico, and the No-TAV arrestees as well as Adriano Antonacci and Gianluca Iacobacci soon on trial via video-link from the high-surveillance modules of Italy: your refusal to bow down is inspiring.

Mauricio Morales that night you lived again, a wild and free element dancing to the flames.

Motivating our action was the part that the justice system also has in suppressing broader insurrectional situations when they take hold. Courts worked around the clock while the 2011 summer riots raged to harshly sentence captured rebels and other suspects, as we know they
will when control gets contested. But we certainly aren’t deterred by the chances of coming face
to face with self-righteous toffs in wigs or their jailer stooges, even on the occasions when our
circumstances of meeting suit them more than we’d prefer. Repression will just draw out more
conflict, even across borders. Our methods stay adapted to the task in hand.

Building strong affinity among ourselves, a feral passion for freedom, and the
diffusion of rebellious attitudes and actions are the basis of our practice.

This one’s for all who remain defiant come what may and whichever side of a prison wall.
Courage, comrades.

*Long live Anarchy*

Informal Anarchist Federation – Conscience & Fury

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4 Arsons against Bristol’s cellular transmission infrastructure
over 24 Hours as part of the Phoenix Project #14

June 11, 2014

Around Bristol between June 9th-10th, we left 7 mobile phone antennae in flames. Daily
continuation of capitalist society is dependent on uninterrupted flows (of goods, people, data,
and energy) and the communications grid is no exception. The limited uses most of us can
make from these flows only mask the way they are mainly used to oversee and impose the
dominant order, and increase its’ reach and control.

You need only look to how the values of connectivity, speed, and mobility that are embodied in
a mobile phone (for example) facilitate a relentless consumer culture and the requirement to be
available and flexible at all times; as much for the benefit of the boss and the advertiser as for
your family or friends. This is fully consistent with the modern restructuring and
decentralisation of the gigantic productive system which this society subjects us to. Hindering
all this was our objective.

2 antennae went up simultaneously, in Hambrook and outside Ram Hill business park in
Coalpit Heath, both owned by O2. This is also not the first time O2 have been singled out for
damage acts because of the contracts they hold in the migrant detention industry, with cops,
and tagging for the probation service. Some hours later a 3rd O2 antenna went up in Coombe
Dingle, at the same time as a 4th fire was lit after gaining access to transmission units
connected to the huge BT telecommunication tower in Lockleaze. Signals that will have been
affected are those of O2, T-Mobile, Orange and Vodaphone.

These corporations variously are connected to the field of military equipment and armament,
use prison labour, and are famous for readily collaborating with electronic policing by the secret
services (now that widespread data-surveillance is well known) while not even stopping at
financing Oxford university with its’ extensive animal experimentation labs. This has already
led to their interests being attacked in Berlin (T-Mobile’s parent company*), Paris (Orange*),
and Banbury (Vodaphone*).

For all above reasons it is always good to harm these corporations, structurally and
economically, and then there is the issue of the antennae themselves radiating who knows how
much harmfulness to nearby species. There were the publicised cases in Bristol even some
years ago of a woman in Shirehampton who complained of the affects of an antenna put up on

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her high rise flatblock and later died from a brain tumor, while an antenna nicknamed *The Tower of Doom* was withdrawn from Staple Hill after cancer rates soared. Evidence has mounted up that prolonged use of mobile phones damages the immune system, decreases fertility, and causes brain tumors and cancers: especially in the young. We should mention that the antenna we burned in Coombe Dingle is one of three on the grounds of a university sports pitch also marketed for schools, as are many others. Additionally, twisted lab technicians claim to have deduced from experimentaton on other mammals (built on torture like so much scientific research) that exposure while still in the womb “significantly damages brain function, structure and behaviour and suggested that these exposures could contribute to children’s behavioral disorders”.

These products were and still are pushed on us as harmless, although nearly every study that claims this was funded by the industry itself, when we had no idea of the long term affects, similarly to the marketing of asbestos or smoking before they began to show their deadly toll (to use only 2 better known examples among thousands). These days even researchers at Bristol university concede the dangers of cellular use. What a surprise….the permanently wired environment turns out to be toxic, while companies make a killing in profits and the government receives billions in taxes and licensing. For most people prolonged contact with mobile phones or wireless networks in general seems unavoidable, for work or to avoid social marginalisation, in the street, on public transport, or at home: we are soaking in one more accumulative barrage in a poisonous, anti-human and anti-life civilisation that grows by the day.

A recurring feature of the estrangement that technologies such as mobile phones actually cultivate between individuals, is how many addicted to their constant use now prefer to text message or to “tweet” to avoid the prospect of real life contact, and how many only feel safe communicating from behind a device. It is now completely standard for people to spend the majority of their waking hours interfacing with one screen or another. Up and coming inventions such as Google Glass attempt to make this enclosure near total (although also dependent in part on uninterrupted transmission infrastructure). As a society that lives through highly complex technologies, we no longer fully inhabit our bodies and environment but instead some part of the techno-hive: and it is no longer only nerds and the young who practically call this virtual reality their home. As the sphere dominated by information technology expands, what is considered socially of importance in our actual lives shrinks to what can be conveyed and received by the device, and so narrowing human emotion and experience. Or think about the obsessive urge to treat modern life as something less to be lived than to be documented in each detail for passive consumption on the “social” networks, as another example of colonisation by capitalism and its’ technology.

Planning and carrying out your existence digitally also allows the possibilities of unprecedented surveillance, and it hinders active rebellion or even questioning of the dominant order by flagging up “abnormalities” in what you often voluntarily share with your friends or “Friends.” At the same time, concerted exploitation of the base populations around the world and ecological pillage to the point of collapse continues to fatten the same rich parasites’ pockets, and technological immersion helps people neither relate nor care. On the contrary millions now hunger for their part in the way of life that is killing everything.

With an anarchist perspective in search of free and fulfilling existence, we fight to do away with all technologies born from the toxification and slavery of mines, factories, and industrial infrastructures, and for our daily communication to be as unmediated as possible. Taking down these few nodes was not enough for us, it is not a case of simply abandoning the uses of a particular device alone, but it is erasing the whole social system which first trapped us in its’ “necessity” which is the challenge. We found antennae an easy way to start: it is simply a matter of burning tires between the exposed cables and away you go. In North Lanarkshire, Scottish villagers even felled one. By reflecting on radical and anti-industrial history in Britain (such as the Swing and Luddite insurrections), as well as contemporary anarchist guerrilla praxis, we can see the advantage of low-tech, cheap, and easily reproducible tactics to wreck machinery that encloses and impoverishes us, on an even more intimate level presently than ever before. These
Demolishing the walls that keep us apart

A collection of transcribed statements of the imprisoned members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire, Andreas Tsavdaridis and Spyros Mandylas

Phoenix Project
ubiquitous (and highly expensive) structures are spread around every town or city and further industrialising the countryside, where they are sometimes painted green in the attempt to camouflage them: and disgustingly even have bird and bat nesting boxes mounted on some. Their guardians cannot always be watching them all so it is up to our ingenuity to remain a step ahead and stretch their forces thin. This and every network has its’ weak points, in these cracks in the architecture of control that afford us leverage: a destructive capacity we are appropriating. As the promises of hyper-technified modern culture continue to show their shallowness, rebels will carry on acting against the noxious installations and the way of life they feed.

“….Resistance against the Technological-Industrial Machine lives only through the path of liberation from every power and order, runs towards an event horizon where nothing has been written yet.” – Letter from Gianluca Iacovacci, from C.R. San Michele prison

Our attack is not separate from overall anarchist subversion by all means, which naturally includes solidarity with our prisoners in enemy hands. A wild greeting from Bristol to Adriano Antonacci, no less than to his friend and comrade Gianluca (FAI/IRF Subversive Anti-Civilisation Individualities) whose brave lone acts in Rome he is also accused of. Hello to the new anarchist and anti-colonial groups in Hong Kong and Australia, and solidarity to the Paris ten accused of sabotaging prison profiteers.

Our attack came at a time when the networks are already set to be overloaded by the World Cup hysteria, to show our complicity with the insurgent fighters in Brazil as they answer massive dispossession and militarised slum clearances for the opulence of the games with street battles and arson. Because it should be remembered that the enthralling spectacle, that is staged to make the rich yet more money and to distract us from our daily humiliations, is based on the State and Capital’s violence against resisters, the indigenous, and the poorest in Brazilian society.

Let’s not forget Marie Mason and Eric McDavid: both are still behind bars after State repression and entrapment which followed an early string of Earth Liberation Front strikes in the USA. Years later the earth liberation struggle is not defeated either in spirit or in practice. The fight goes on with fur farms raided and emptied across North America, and our incendiary-minded sisters or brothers prowling the besieged Turkish forests, the streets of the Costa Rican metropolis, or the techno-industrial developments in Switzerland (on the last note: a quick reminder that the continuing legal threats against the released anarchists Silvia, Costas and Billy, and also the latest vindictive treatment of Marco Camenisch around his prison transfer, have not gone unnoticed by the international fire-starters).

Down with the society based on dominating earth and all its’ creatures.

**Live Wires FAI/ELF**

(14th contribution to the international Phoenix Project, one more part of a war that will never be contained by a legal code)

* http://en.contrainfo.espiv.net/2013/01/08/berlin-incendiary-attack-on-deutsche-telekom-vehicle-in-friedrichshain/
* http://nantes.indymedia.org/articles/28902
* http://www.directaction.info/news_mar12b_06.htm
Just before sunrise this morning we launched a targeted arson spree along Glebe Road — which meets the main east Bristol thoroughfare of Church Road — and burned out corporate, luxury, private security and hunt-scum vehicles. Wildfire in the arteries of the city-prison! To break the lie of social peace and intensify the hostilities!

Emergency services were too slow to catch the responsible as the empty street was brightened from end to end as by torches. In a few words, the selected vans and cars were active components of the life they represent and also enforce.

Virgin Media supply television and also internet, and a national fibre optic cable network. To keep us enmeshed in the modern information economy and the spectacle of celebrities, video games and advertising is their business. Destroy what domesticates and stupifies us!

A car as fancy as a Quattro is an extra spit in the face for the property-less as well as the earth. In wealthy areas or parts undergoing gentrification they’re commonplace, in England as in Argentina, Sydney as in Berlin, and there to be picked off at our leisure.

BWS’s security vehicle in ashes is one less to aid their task across the UK of keeping the haves from the have-nots by threat or force and of expanding the matrix of surveillance cameras we pass under hundreds of times in a day. Minions of the established order have chosen their side! Insurrectional action against the constructs of authority above us, around us, within us.

Either an active fox hunter or a supporter and promoter of killing wild animals solely for entertainment — either way, owner of a heavy-duty 4×4 bearing pro-hunt stickers — got their incendiary gift too. Some call bloodsport uncivilised, but it’s really perfectly reflective of the disdain for the nonhuman, upper class entitlement and also cross-class collaboration which is the basis and content of civilisation. Let’s make the rich and their terrier-boys the hunted, let’s
harass them in city or countryside.

This deed coincided with the call for collective action in support of our caged brother G. Pombo da Silva (Spain), who’s resisting his forced transfer to a maximum security module. Hopefully our flaming regards will also make it through the prison bars to the wandering she-wolves A. Trudeau and F. Rouiller along with compa C. ‘Chivo’ López (Mexico) — they all face charges over Molotov attacks against State and Capitalism. We’re also thinking of the unnamed animal liberation fighter who prosecutors have tried to link to the anarchist paper UpprorsBladet (Sweden) and the co-convicted who also had the sense to stay silent before the cops. While A. Cospito and N. Gai, G. Iacovacci and A. Antonacci will all be tried next on July 4th, we take aim to light up their jail cells with the warmth of our solidarity. Prisoners to the streets, running wild and free!

ABOUT THE ACCUSED IN BRISTOL

We learned from the scum-press newspapers that early on June 12th an individual was stopped in their vehicle by police in the Bradley Stoke area and suspected of going equipped to commit a crime, then arrested on suspicion of four counts of arson. This was in the context of four coordinated sabotages in the days before which took down many phone signals and also radio services — all of which had already been claimed by Live Wires, FAI/ELF, as reported in the scum-press and carried by anarchist counter-information pages (although hidden once again by the moderators of Bristol Indymedia).

After the resounding silence so far from the local anarchist movement, the first thing we want to state is that — although none of ourselves, our wider network or fleeting affinities know who this person is or anything about their sympathies or complicities — the repressive move by the State aims to discourage similar actions and we will not stand complacent. Either police made an unconnected arrest in efforts to shed some of the criticism they’ve come under in the regional and national media for failing to stem the flow of anarchist attacks in their area, in which case it was a fruitless provocation as action continues, or that individual really did set out to somehow fight the system that night — singularly, in the context of decentralised informal
groups open to anyone such as FAI or ELF, or anonymous — in which case they’re a potential comrade and we would defend them as such.

It seems for now that police have little interest in the arrested individual as according to the scum-press they’re out on bail after questioning, but we call on anyone with more information to release it if they see fit.

Meanwhile, solidarity with the live wires and whoever shares their motivations to do the same!

**Informal Anarchist Federation/Earth Liberation Front**
**Rogue Fire Brigade**

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**Attack on Army Cadet base in lead up to NATO**

August 29, 2014

We took action in the build up to the NATO summit who will meet in Newport to continue their power mongering disguised as benevolent international peacekeeping. To be clear, this ‘peace’ they want to keep is that of the capitalist order: the ‘peace’ of producing, consuming and obeying.

NATO’s rhetoric of democracy and human rights hides its aggressive colonisation force as it moves into areas strategic for resources and political control. Meanwhile, on the ‘home front’ the role of suppressing the ‘internal enemy’ is quite clear. NATO, aware of the insurrection that flared up during the ‘Arab Spring’ just below the Mediterranean border outlined the ‘Urban Operations in the year 2020’ report envisaging “scenarios of armies engaged manually to suffocate the revolts of the poor in the suburbs of big western towns”. The powers that be are clearly honing this type of counter-insurgency warfare as much as interstate military conflict in the darkening future of further societal breakdown, economic and ecological catastrophes.

We chose the Army Cadet base in north-east Bristol, burning 1 car and 1 minibus. as an example of the ways in which militarisation works its way into the fabric of daily life. In recent years, Schools Commissioner Elizabeth Sidewell suggested that every school should have a
combined Cadet force “to increase the armed forces everyday contact and influence with young people” in order to ensure the continued support of the population. The presence of the military even in schools is presented as just a natural part of ‘community’ and that competition, discipline and top down obedience are necessary characteristics.

We are in solidarity with those who took to the streets 3 years ago in August 2011, as well as those who have recently been on the streets of Ferguson, another area currently receiving military treatment. Following these insurrectionary moments the government saw one of the functions of its push for more cadets and military involvement in education in general as being to keep young people out of trouble and from being ‘anti-social’. The Phoenix School in Oldham, military academies and others are all manifestations of this promotion of blind discipline and nationalism.

FIRE TO THE MILITARY!

Random Anarchists

Incendiary attack against BAE Arms Development Centre in the context of the NATO Summit

August 30, 2014

We mounted our attack against the BAE Systems arms factory in the Filton area of Bristol by setting a fire against the fuel tank outside the onsite Advanced Technology Centre (Impact Facility – High Power Electro Magnetic Facility section) on August 29th. Today we now announce carrying this out in the context of the NATO summit in Newport in five days. Britain is rife with military industrial complex structures all year round and everyone can draw her or his own conclusion.

BAE Systems are possibly the largest so called defence multinational and they are Britain’s largest manufacturing employer. Some of their major projects with the British Armed Forces alone are the NATO Eurofighter jets and nuclear submarines.

From artillery and aerial drones with specialist communication systems to the Israeli Air Force F16 fighter bombers and the shackles used on detainees in Guantánamo Bay you can find BAE Systems across the world behind imperialist conquest and the death or immiseration of millions. The company now has branches in criminal intelligence and investigation that deal with matters like cyber threats to the banking industry and was contracted by the European Union to devise the Strategic Crime and
Immigration Information Management System: essentially an international police database. They are in line to profit from managing the transition of analytics from analysis of physical locations to analysis of individuals and how they interact for the advantage of law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

The factory where we hit produces hardware including that of naval frigates and combat vehicles and there hundreds of staff with the Advanced Technology Centre design cutting edge weaponry for global markets. Just a few of their specialities are:

- Abnormal behaviour detection & video analytics
- Bio-inspired technology
- Micro & nanotechnology and smart materials
- Technologies for covert & secure operations

BAE Systems are at the forefront of military robotics as well as the latest innovations such as cloaking devices for tanks and body armour formed from liquid to make the modern flesh and blood killing machine even more agile and deadly. Look to their armoured land vehicles which are autonomous of human supervision (like those patrolling the Israeli-Gaza and Israeli-Lebanon border zones) or the tiny above ground or under water machines modelled on insects for audio-visual reconnaissance to see a sign of our future they are preparing.

The company make explicit reference to the age of asymmetric warfare and the crossover from use of their products on the battle field to use within society at large: a common phenomenon in the sector. A case to illustrate this is the high power BAE Systems night vision gear finding its way into the civilian surveillance camera market to advance the project making open prisons out of the urban centres and anywhere it is needed to protect the system and its commodities.

Need we write more to demonstrate how technological development under the civilised power structure is leading us to a desolate automated landscape of near total dominance and potential annihilation? The hour is late and the brave new world with amplified demand for submission will be the price for our indifference.

To go after them on what they thought was safe ground is what we decided to return in kind for the business BAE Systems have chosen. Through the attack we are with those incarcerated for their own path towards anarchy:

Gianluca Iacovacci and Adriano Antonacci
Marco Camenisch
Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito

Every year they spend inside, the destructive acts will multiply. Honour also to fighters of days gone by who walked armed against dominance in their time.

**FAI “Sacco & Vanzetti” Circle of Propaganda by Life & by Deed**

*August 23-30, Anarchist Prisoners Global Week of Solidarity!*
Burning of 3 police CCTV vans and riot squat minibus

September 3, 2014

From the midst of the terror-fervor, the advance of the surveillance state, and display of force by the law.

This is to report incendiary action bringing life to our hatred for the police, inkeeping with our wider effort for the eradication of authority and it’s civilisation and with not a step back before repression which fails to inhibit us…

It took place in Keynsham (on 3rd September) at the police-station where a fleet of support group vans and other marked force vehicles are kept close to the ring-road which skirts Bristol. We rigged all three mobile-CCTV vans at their charging station inside the perimeter to the side of the cop-den with short fuses, then more fuel in containers was primed to incinerate an extra riot squad minibus parked to the front after we’d left the area. When the fires were detected, the riot bus and at least one of the camera vans were already burnt. According to the media an individual was arrested shortly after, who they are probably even now dimly realising they have no evidence to charge because we alone are responsible for the blaze under their snouts.

The police-station is situated close to the massive Keynsham Police Centre due to now open which is also to assimilate the functions of the old Bath and Radstock stations as part of a newly-constructed series of the force’s multi-purpose detention suites, crime investigation centres, an operations base and the tri-force firearms facility which was burned down by the hands of anarchists one year ago.

Remember, the police state has still been found vulnerable.

Now is the time the government choose to escalate electronic monitoring and travel restrictions, and to roll out more obvious than ever occupation of several cities by the security forces, some against the backdrop of citizens herded through metal detectors and surrounded by fencing in open public places. Though enraged we’re neither shocked or indignant. The supposed ‘state of exception’ is the eternal trump card of democracy’s totalitarianism – this is a war, and why leave escalation in the opponents’ hands alone?

When police tell us increased presence in the latest terror-scare and heightened powers thereafter is for our own safety, we know they mean increased control and forcing obedience through fear, with renewed social license to kill (often young non-white men with the media’s blessing), so we attack them regardless.

Confronting our fears was easier than we once imagined. They too can feel some insecurity and risk, just like the precarious masses they subject to the orders of the state and the whims of the economy and social norms as our lives are taken out of our hands piece by piece. Tension against payed-up bullies of the law constantly boils to the surface in class society – they’re an obstacle to any kind of freedom and self-determination, out to pacify and neutralize those who in whatever way won’t fit the social cage.

This choice of target brings us to the sentences read out against Juan Aliste, Marcelo Villarroel and Freddy Fuentevilla in Santiago for numerous actions against wage-slavery and a parting confrontation with the security forces which left a corporal dead and another officer wounded. Also, Carlos Gutierrez Quiduleo of the Temucuicui community is finally once again in the grasp of the same colonial state too over related charges, and we support the Mapuche people’s fight for land, the ones of them who’ve clearly refused capitalist life as spiritual death and maintain their claim as ancestral defenders of their home, that is, the Earth. We won’t stay spectators while our companions in Chilean prisons and beyond are facing long jail-terms without wavering, tarnishing the wretched social tranquility of the bankers and cops.

While our hands still fashion the materials for destruction, aggressions of the type raised by the
British state against unnamed individuals they suspect/ed of incendiary actions in Bath and Bristol by anarchists (take heart…) won’t pass without repercussions either as we forge ahead to recover our denied autonomy.

Before the terrorism of the law these are no days for silence. Anybody can join the fray in their own manner by wielding the idea of unconditional freedom for each and all of us to claim. A long time ago, we learned to dispel the myth - peddled by the Hollywood movies - of the rebels throwing themselves against the most unbelievable strongholds of their overlords, in a full-frontal military battle with no thought of living to fight another day. History is portrayed as a straight line with no corners or bends to deviate from this tale, so as to hold the spectator in a simple and romantic fantasy world, where the attainable skills for successful acts of vengeance remain a mystery behind the special effects and silver-screen stunts. When the credits roll the viewer is left doubting their own chances against the agents of power and their increasing technological capabilities, and the context is lost of an insurgent war of attrition reaching far back through the ages, chipping away at the establishment’s morale, image of invincibility, and resources.

We learned not to see just what was conveniently put before us, but to study possible chinks in the armour of normality and to think the unthinkable. As some Czech anarchists in struggle pointed out not long ago (and burned out a CCTV station to make themselves clear), the vast array of surveillance apparatus works primarily by lodging defeatism in the minds of otherwise-aspiring conspirators. Yet as has been revealed by many before us, individual and collective insurrection is not only possible but visible, enlivening and essential to break away from a life-long civil lobotomy, as a way (amongst others) to live wholeheartedly and unapologetically. It could be an assault which lays waste to state property before their very station, or an officer stabbed or battered carrying out their wretched duties, cutting the wires of a surveillance camera or smashing a patrol-car windscreen in the area under cover of darkness. It could be us, it could be you, it could be the person next to you. The first cop to kill is the one in your head. But only the first…

We learned that authority has done it’s best to quell the anarchist rebellion over the centuries but to this day we stand uncaptured and undefeated, side by side with our comrades here and across the globe. Side by side doesn’t always need to mean physically close enough to link arms, solidarity has no fixed shape or set line, but looks to open reciprocal dialogue on a common direction through the avenues of mutual aid and direct action. For one day somebody might choose a letter exchange with a prisoner or spreading subversive street art with the other disquieted, sometimes a critical encounter and heated exchanges or the tenderness of a loving caress, and at others materialise in the embers of the oppressor.

By this communiqué we reignite the memory of the Santiago anarchist poet, dancer and fighter Claudia Lopez who fell to police bullets while on the barricades 16 years ago this September. Her unquenchable determination has not stopped accompanying the comrades who take to the street with their weapons.

Our regards to everybody out there who is joyously causing their own ruptures with normality in the daily contest against control and exploitation. Keep reclaiming your life in the many vital ways...

INSURRECTION, SUBVERSION, ANARCHY

Uncivil Disobedients / Informal Anarchist Federation
Battle of Stokes Croft: Eye witness/local resident report

April 21, 2011

Battle begins

Late yesterday afternoon (21/04/11), bailiffs and a man from Bristol City Council arrived at the ‘Telepathic Heights’ squat on Stokes Croft, opposite the controversial new Tesco, to begin an eviction (this is not a new squat - it has been occupied for many years without incident, but suddenly, persons unknown want it evicted). A protest quickly gathered and the bailiffs were forced to withdraw. Then around 9pm a massive police operation began, with the officers already in riot gear and full length shields backed up by horses, vans and the police helicopter. Officers apparently forced their way into the squatted building and evicted the occupants. The operation was very heavy handed and no explanations were offered regarding the reasons, but all the same it was relatively quiet by around 10pm.

However, for reasons unknown the police had blocked off the Stokes Croft/Ashley Road junction, causing diversions for or just blockading out local residents and allowing a huge crowd to gather. They faced off local people just going about their business behind their riot shields in a square formation, but although the atmosphere was tense, it was not yet universally hostile. If the police had discreetly withdrawn after their dubious ‘operation’ between 9 and 10pm, the situation would have defused and disorder could have been easily avoided. Instead, they continued to obstruct a main junction in a provocative, obstructive and hostile manner, almost as though they were waiting for something to trigger, as of course it inevitably would.

They marched them up Nine Tree Hill, then they marched them down again
Between 10 and 10.30pm the police were attacked by one group with an onslaught of bottles. Incredibly, they continued to stand in place, and as the night wore on young people, either drunk or high on adrenalin, formed ad-hoc groups to bait the police. As the police used baton charges, dogs, horses and vans to repel these sporadic and rather ineffectual attacks, the crowd’s mood also became increasingly hostile. No explanations were offered by the police, and as it became apparent that the vast majority of riot police were not even Bristolian but had been ferried in especially from Wales, it looked increasingly like an army of occupation.

The police tactics were unfathomable. They seemed to consist of running from one end of Stokes Croft to the other (and up several side streets), randomly charging about the place, getting more and more people involved and moving the violence into new areas that had previously been quiet. Needless to say, the ‘active’ (i.e. rioting) members of the crowd simply avoided the charges and filtered around to attack the police all over again from a different angle. The police helicopter flew low overhead constantly from 9pm to 4.30am, beaming its searchlight on anyone and everyone. This was not a tactic to win any ‘battle for hearts and minds’ either.

At around 12.30am the police made a series of stupid and tactically pointless forays up Nine Tree Hill, despite the constant rain of missiles, even reaching the traffic barriers at Fremantle Square where for a short period they formed a shield wall and then retreated. It conjured up the absurdist imagery from the nursery rhyme, The Grand Old Duke Of York: ‘And when they were up they were up, and when they were down they were down, and when they were only half way up they were neither up nor down.’ Because all that they had accomplished was to cause a violent overspill into Kingsdown, where more bottles could be thrown, bins overturned and set on fire. This scene was also being repeated on Ashley Road and on other streets way beyond Stokes Croft. It was becoming apparent that the police, or heddlu to use the Welsh term, did not
know the area or its topography and were simply floundering about in a brutish manner.

By 2am the police had achieved their apparent aim, assuming that they had any, by uniting the entire community of the area against them. By the time they retreated back down Nine Tree Hill it was no longer ‘anarchists’ who formed the majority of the crowd, but young people of all social classes and ethnic backgrounds. Some older people also joined in, and children too. The police then resumed charging up and down Stokes Croft, now against a crowd of hundreds. Around 2.30am your intrepid reporter decided it was time to catch some shut eye, of course only achieved with the help of ear plugs to block out the infernal sound of the helicopter.

Aftermath

But lo and behold, by this morning the police spin machine had discovered an ‘explanation’ for their action. They had received ‘intelligence reports’ that Stokes Croft Tesco was ‘about to be fire bombed’ by ‘certain’ people at Telepathic Heights squat. And ‘in the interests of public safety’ etc they had ‘robustly and precisely’ arrested the ‘four individuals’ involved, and it was ‘not actually their intention at all’ to close down the squat. The police statement after the event makes the night’s chaos seem reasonable and proportionate. But just to be sure, push the ‘terrorism’ fear button. ‘Unfortunately, a tiny minority of criminal elements...’ etc.

However, if this was indeed the case it is strange that we were not informed of this ‘reason’ from the start. But the first mention of it appears in the prepared police statement made this morning. The whole theory of a group of extremists preparing Molotov cocktails to fire bomb Tesco, while not impossible, is highly questionable. For if one receives word of an imminent terrorist act (and such it would be, because Stokes Croft Tesco is in a terrace and has residential flats overhead), this surely calls for a covert op by a small number of special anti-terrorist police, not a massive manoeuvre that involves half the police force of a neighbouring region, South Wales. It also beggars belief for what reason one would deploy horses and dogs if there was a risk of facing Molotov cocktails. So either the Bristol police authority are utter tactical and financial dunces, or else there is another agenda.

[Airticle cut by Person(s) unknown as becomes state-apologetic from a pacifist position]
Stokes Croft 2 - Cops 0: Stokes Croft riots again

April 29, 2011

It kicked off again last night, for sure.

If anyone’s still under the impression that this has all been about Tesco’s, this should make it even clearer that people are angry at the police as an institution, & ready to take the chance to fight back. The person who’d called the ‘peaceful protest’ called it off (which was the only sensible thing for him to have done). There were still a lot of people who turned out wanting to peacefully protest (against the police, maybe also about Tesco’s), but a lot of other people seemed to have turned out ready for something like what happened.

Policing was a lot smarter than last week. Instead of going in with complete overkill, which would have been bound to provoke an immediate reaction from everyone, they held back. Cops were really hands-off: even when half the road was taken over by a very Stokes Croft muntery street party, they just directed traffic around it & tried very hard not to provoke anything.

It took 3 or 4 hours, but eventually some people tried a very provocative march down the road towards the centre. Then the riot police & horses hiding in the side streets suddenly appeared & everyone was chased up Gloucester Road. A big bunch of St Paul’s youth also appeared as soon as it got interesting.

Similar to last week there were various stand-offs of various styles happening at different side streets. There seemed to be less barricading & throwing of things – at least partly because there was less left lying around to throw. (This may have been a deliberate pre-emptive clean up, though it could also be because recycling collection was two days later this week). While some barricades were set up, there was nothing to defend them with and they were generally quickly abandoned. A group gathered on Mina road chanted ‘peaceful protest’ and managed to stop a horse advance by standing with hands in the air. On Jamaica street, people were breaking up & gathering together bricks & masonry, chucking them at the riot vans speeding past then running back down the hill to rearm & repeat.

Late in the night a crowd of a couple of hundred was gathered at the top of Stokes Croft in uneasy stand-off with the police. Chants of ‘Cabot Circus’ and ‘let’s take the fight to the city’ went up. Police lines formed to try to stop this attempt to take the devastation out of our areas & into the corporate city. About 50 people made it to Cabot Circus. The McDonalds had some windows broken but riot police soon scattered everyone.

Running about continued until almost dawn. According to press reports, 15 people were arrested. Friday morning, as other reports have explained, riot police raided Telepathic Heights & arrested 4 squatters off the roof with help from the fire brigade. At least one supporter was also nicked outside, where Cheltenham Road was again blocked by lines of riot police.

As the new graffiti in the Easton underpass says, 'let’s show these bastards what a real crisis looks like.'
Uncontrollable young comrades of Stokes Croft imprisoned

May 16, 2011

Two brave and uncontrollable brothers (David ‘Paddy’ Foster & Joe ‘Little Joe’ Foster) who were arrested at the squat Telepathic Heights after the disturbances in Stokes Croft, Bristol, have been in prison since the riots with two other young comrades (Ben, and another unknown one who was disappeared into the jail without so far any chance of finding them).

Little Joe was arrested on the first day of the police attack against Telepathic Heights which caused the Stokes Croft riots. Paddy was arrested with Ben and the unknown one on the roof of Telepathic Heights a week and a day later, when the police made their second assault on the building.

The young guys made a brave, determined and uncompromising fight to the end as police evicted the building. The police eviction units had received heavy items from the roof. When the cops fought themselves onto the roof the guys held them off in a long and dangerous siege from which their escape was impossible.

We currently have no contact details for Ben or the other unknown one. They are young guys (17), who will have gone through youth court into the prison-system on at least 18 month+ jail terms. It has been difficult to get info and contact with these two, so we appeal for those with more info or a better relationship with them to let the situation be known if they wish.

Little Joe appeared via video link from prison to Bristol Magistrates Court, May 11th, regarding two accusations of offences relating to the rioting around Tesco supermarket on Stokes Croft. He was arrested on 21st April and accused of possession of a petrol bomb on the roof of the squat Telepathic Heights.
DON'T PANIC :: DON'T TALK

If you think you might be identified from the photos police released of recent events in Stokes Croft / St Pauls:

DON'T panic. The photos released are not necessarily evidence. Just because the police have a blurry photo that might be of you doesn’t mean they know who you are.

DON'T hand yourself in. The police often use the psychological pressure of knowing they have your picture to persuade you to ‘come forward’ when they don’t know who you are or have evidence against you.

DON'T assume that because you can identify yourself in a video, a judge will be able to as well. ‘That isn’t me’ has got many a person off before now.

DO get rid of your clothes. There is no chance of suggesting the person in the video is not you if the clothes they are wearing have been found in your wardrobe. Get rid of ALL clothes you were wearing at the demo, including YOUR SHOES, your bag, and any distinctive jewellery you were wearing at the time.

DO keep a low profile for a while. The police will be on the look-out at other demos for people they have put on their ‘wanted’ list.

DO think about changing your appearance. Perhaps now is a good time for a make-over. Get a haircut and colour, grow a beard, wear glasses.

DO keep your house clean. Get rid of spray cans, demo related stuff, and dodgy texts j photos on your phone. Don’t make life easy for them by having drugs, weapons or anything else illegal in the house.

DO be careful who you speak about this to. Admit your involvement ONLY to people you really trust. Be very careful what you say on the internet.

DO try and control the nerves and panic. Waiting for a knock on the door is stressful in the extreme, but you need to find a way to get on with life as normal. Otherwise you’ll be serving the sentence before you are even arrested.

“NO COMMENT”

If you’re nicked, use your right to REMAIN SILENT. Answer “no comment” to ALL questions before & after arrest & during interviews.

DO NOT SAY ANYTHING TO THE POLICE even if they say “it is in your best interests”. Cops can never be trusted. From the moment you are stopped, everything you say is evidence - there is no such thing as a friendly chat. They will try to get evidence against you & against other people. It is easier to say nothing at all than selectively answer questions. Say nothing & sign no statements without legal advice.

If you were anywhere near any recent events, keep a solicitor’s number handy just in case.
Bindmans have agreed to represent anyone arrested. They are specialists in public order legal work. The number is 0207 633 4433. Nic Arnall are local and have been good in the past. Call them on 0117 909 8898.

Email bristolarresteesupport@riseup.net to help organise against police repression.

DON'T BRAG :: DON'T SNITCH
DON'T GOSSIP :: KEEP SAFE
On his first visit to court Joe pleaded guilty. When asked at the second hearing what his plea was, he was unsure. The solicitor had not been to visit him while on remand, so the court had to leave so that he and his appointed solicitor could talk. Also, on the day Tesco first opened its doors for the first time on Stokes Croft he was arrested and accused of spray-painting it. Joe has pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal damage for the alleged spraying of ‘NO’ on a wooden door of Tesco property. Joe is on remand til the 1st June which is when the next hearing will be and the Committal will be on his 21st Birthday on 3rd June at the Crown Court in Bristol. Please send pictures/postcards to Joe, or visit him if you can. As explained above, he was not even visited in person by his duty solicitor (state appointed solicitor), so he is at an even greater legal disadvantage.

As to the charge of possessing a petrol bomb with intent to damage property, Joe had previously pleaded guilty. This was read out and (n.b. via videolink) he seemed unhappy with this plea. The court clerk then said that the plea had been asked to be changed, but that since nothing had come in writing then it would remain at guilty. Seeing as his ‘solicitor’ never came to visit him, Joe is in a precarious position. He may be able to change his plea at the next hearing or at least at the Committal hearing. Basically he needs some proper legal representation, not these duty solicitors who have no clue or respect. Joe looks well and healthy, had cheeky laughs at some of the trial, a few of us cracking up with him. Joe saw some of us for a bit, and heard some shouts, the judge wasn’t very pleased and prevented the interaction.

Joe’s brother David is inside too, also awaiting trial. Get in touch with them. All these imprisoned and persecuted young people deserve solidarity and not to be forgotten in the aftermath of the riots, to break down the walls of the prison and show them they are not alone in their anger at society.

UK is fast becoming increasingly socially divided again and the start of new urban anti-police riots is the emergence of an understandable refusal in the young people and those who know that the only thing the cops/state can consistently offer them is injustice, brutality and class rule.

Anarchists in Bristol ask that comrades in UK and abroad send their pictures/cartoons/postcards and gestures of solidarity etc, to these young people who showed their refusal of the system and total lack of respect for the authorities.

Supporting the defendants of Stokes Croft – bristolarresteesupport @riseup.net
Letter of comrade Huw ‘Badger’ Norfolk from clandestinity

October 21, 2011

During the massive UK riots in August there was a window smashing action against offices of a right-wing newspaper in Bristol, for which the cops seek a suspect from reported DNA evidence. This resulted in a local squat being raided.

The cops didn’t find who they were looking for, Huw ‘Badger’ Norfolk, but made a political investigation, and seized computers, phones, papers. The newspaper, which naturally had their journalists present at the raid, tried to play a key part in the local repressive operations of the police, exactly like every other newspaper in the country. They all justified the police murder of Mark Duggan and excused the daily brutality and disgusting behaviour of the police, printing suspects photographs and spreading hatred and vengeance etc.

The newspaper, known as the ‘Evening Post’ is a very typical daily newspaper owned by Northcliffe Media (formerly Northcliffe Newspapers Group), it is a large regional newspaper publisher in the UK and Central and Eastern Europe, owned by the Daily Mail and General Trust. In UK, it operates from over 30 publishing centres, and also has 18 daily titles.

1st communication, October 2011

An open letter to whoever wants to be concerned,

Two months have passed since the police execution of Mark Duggan tipped the already-fragile balance of power in the UK, unlocking an orgy of defiance across this island. A well of frustrations finally boiled over and the system was left reeling by a determined insurrection from a wide range of people. Following these days and nights of brazen attacks in Bristol (as in other places) a house is raided in a police and media orchestrated scene as part of their revenge operation for the blows they have both received in the uprising – they leave without the hostage they sought there, but I am made aware by their blunder that I am on their wanted list.

Two months have now passed of successful evasion, and meanwhile the winds of insurgency still blow in many towns and moments – indeed, for many they started long before this summer. There have also been at least two more deaths at the hands of the Law in August alone…
Since the Bristol Riots” - Articles of Interest

My decision is not to comply with my judicial persecution, and I greet D.C.I Will White and their kind reading this by the names they are known here and everywhere in different words and tongues: COPS – PIGS – MURDERERS.

I am one of those who simply cannot and will not stomach the social, economic, moral, psychological, physical conditions not of our making that we are born into at this point of history. I have never sought to decorate the walls of my cell with exam certificates, job promotions, sports prizes, status-symbols borrowed from the wealthy by our labour. I curse those who sell themselves so cheaply to buy such unimaginative dreams at the expense of a possibility of a freedom truly of their own making. Since an early age this unwillingness and refusal has put me in conflict, like countless others, with that reality. And our understanding is growing along with our fury.

We are the “lost kids” angry and disappointed by false promises, the “uncontrollable youth” unsatisfied with the paltry futures offered to us, the “useless components” who reject or are excluded anyway from wage-slavery or the “disruptive elements” who fight to destroy it from within, the “minority of trouble-makers” within the constructs of obedient-hierarchical-racist-patriarchal normality, the “hooded rioters” within the constant revolt against all that and more. We are your children, and those of your society. And it is time today for the components of that society to decide if they will be the hand trying to stop us, or the hand lighting their own conspiracy for self-determination.

Today we are here. Today we throw our rage and anarchy against the station that this order would prescribe us: an open-ended contract to be locked in the cage of modern living, of humiliating routine, withdrawn into quiet desperation despite all distractions, cast into inexplicable loneliness, into inner exile from any greater values, divorced from any connection to the Earth, walking commodities to be used and discarded.

Each day, be sure that we are faced with constant battle as each individual must strive to make their own path and decisions against the flow of the conformity and submission demanded of us by the jailers of everyday life – if the revolution is not here, truly it is nowhere. Let us live proud lives of rebellion and compassion, reclamation and antagonism, poetry and fire.

So, in the midst of this incessant war underlying all in this world – I acknowledge with a glad and thankful heart all who have ever stood next to me, with the rebels wherever and whoever they are against the disguised violence that is passivity, the disguised violence in the suppression of the hostilities and tensions around us that urge to be realised. Here’s to those who make choices that in different ways break out of line when everything in the dominant culture advises silence, assuring us of their strength and feeding us poisoned whispers of our own powerlessness and insignificance.

And of course as the clash continues and escalates with increasing recognition that everything we desire lies beyond the ruin of their rule, the enemy will carry on retaliating against those people with every vile method in their book: propaganda to misrepresent our passions and aims; the loyal “opposition” of political parties and unions presented as the democratically acceptable way we should amend our “extreme” expressions to; the surveillance, infiltration and invasion of our friendship groups and spaces; the arrest, interrogation and imprisonment of our comrades-in-struggle.

We don’t forget, and we don’t forgive.
Enough silence.
Action replaces tears.
for solidarity and self-organisation,
Huw ‘Badger’ Norfolk
just another fugitive.
The Factory evicted by police, Delta security and court bailiffs

November 16, 2011

We’re very sad to say that the Factory was evicted by police, Delta security and court bailiffs at 6am on November 16.

Two men were arrested. One was released when police realised he wasn’t the person they were looking for. The other has been bailed until January. He may be facing charges relating to the smashing of windows at the evening post in August. However, the evidence is flimsy to say the least, so he and his solicitor are confident these charges will be dropped. All other residents were simply put out onto the street. Everyone is okay. Thanks to everyone who came out in the morning, those who have helped people find places to stay, and to everyone who has put in work over the last year and a half.

The flag is no longer flying on the roof, but the fight isn’t over.
Police attack NYE prison solidarity demo

January 1, 2012

‘New Year, Same Shit’

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Happy Birthday Demo for fugitive Badger
April 18, 2012

On Tuesday 16th April we visited the offices of The Evening Post in Bristol to wish a happy birthday to our Comrade Huw ‘Badger’ Norfolk who is currently on the run due to crimes relating to the building. We held a banner which read: “BRISTOL ABC: Every Prisoner Is A Political Prisoner” and wore badger masks to show our solidarity with him.

Happy Birthday Badger! Wherever you are!

Thoughts on the Anarchist Witch Hunt Following Attacks
September 21, 2013

When the flames were lit that engulfed the Police Firearms Training Centre in Portishead, near Bristol it shocked the country. Never before in living memory had such a blazen act of insurrection taken place on British soil and aimed at such a high-profile target. The mass media went hysterical with talk of a “anarchist terror network”. The communique, originally published on Bristol Indymedia, was quoted around the world and quickly dubious links were made between the arson at Portishead and other attacks across the UK.
Following the arson, our local right-wing rag, The Post, published an article claiming that Avon & Somerset Police were preparing to “crackdown on rioters and extremists” and are “monitoring several potentially dangerous groups”. They referred to a report by the Police with the rather Stalinesque title: “Our Five Year Ambition” in which they have said to have launched a series of operations to “gather intelligence about subversive organisations”. This was followed by another article, from the Editor himself, arguing that: “We should all support the police in their campaign against anarchists.”

This is clearly an attempt by the Police and The Post to threaten anarchists. We should expect to experience heightened levels of repression from the state, but that should not deter us from taking action against the oppressive system that controls our lives. The state, for as long as it has existed, has had a monopoly on the legitimate use of violence which it exercises through the Police. When another group of people use violence to achieve their goals the state begins to panic that it will loose its grip on society as it did in August 2011 when hundreds of people took to the street for several nights of rioting and looting without fear of Police violence.

The state is worried about another such outburst of anger as it could prove a threat to its power. Once people begin to realise that the state and the Police are not the only forces capable of using violence, the state looses all legitimacy. Because of this the state needs to crack down on any expression of violent tendencies before it can take hold and infect the masses. This is exactly what we are experiencing in Bristol and we should keep that in mind when we start to feel the full weight of Police repression.

We live in a violent society. The state inflicts violence on us every day through the Police, the courts, the prisons and army. The idea that a small group of people lighting fires in the dead of night can pose a risk to society shows how pivotal a role violence plays. We must remember that the violence we experience is nothing compared to the violence enacted by the state on a daily basis; in the prisons, in the courtrooms, in the police cells or in far-away countries through wars and occupations.

Heightened surveillance, sadly, has become a fact of life in our modern society. We are being monitored by CCTV cameras; through our phones and even by our social media outlets every day of our lives. The recent exposure of the NSA’s (the United States National Security Agency) PRISM program is just one example of how deep the roots of state control have dug themselves. The fact that the GCHQ (the British equivalent) has also tapped into this service should come as no surprise.

We must be cautious – with this in mind – of how we communicate with each other and what we say. Silence can be a powerful weapon in the face of oppression. While it is obvious that we, like the Police, have no idea who lit the fire at the Police Firearms Training Centre it is important that we don’t begin to speculate or spread rumours, that while untrue, could lead to people being arrested or worse.

The Anarchist Black Cross was founded in the early 1900s by Russian immigrants to support social struggles, mostly by providing support to political prisoners. Bristol ABC was set-up with similar goals in mind and thus we are ready to support anybody who becomes a victim of this witch hunt aimed at anarchists. We will provide material and financial support (where possible) to those who have fallen foul of the state’s oppressive legal system, regardless of whether they are innocent or guilty.

We would advise anybody involved in anarchist or radical activism in Bristol to read up on their rights, follow the links on our website, and be prepared. Prisoner support is a crucial role within our movement and one that must not be overlooked. If you can support Bristol ABC either financially or by writing to prisoners it will put us one step closer to building a strong, resilient community.

Until Every Cell Is Empty,
Bristol Anarchist Black Cross
www.bristolabc.wordpress.com
Fuck Indymedia and the Anarcho-Left

December 5, 2013

Text taken from 325 zine printed with Dark Matter Publications – ‘Anarchy – Civil or Subversive?’: A Collection of Texts Against Civil Anarchism.

Indymedia UK & Bristol have repeatedly allowed their websites to be used as platforms to smear and denigrate the insurrectional project, that of the FAI/CCF/IRF, 325 and the anarchists of praxis.

It is known for a long time that these sites allow the spreading of lies and falsities against the insurrectionals, and that they allow the publishing of photos of demonstrations without naturally blurring the faces of those taking part, compromising their security, and most disgusting, those being arrested, rapidly aiding the filling of police files with their actions.

Not only do they allow the publishing and dissemination of rumours which only serve repression but they have acted as judges on the supposed nature of the sabotages and attacks. They sought to impose their discrimination on the attacks and upon the action groups, aiming at having a dominating influence on their behaviour, like the civil anarchists who also believed through their hysterical denunciations they could impose their own servility on the uncontrollables.

Their hostility to our projects is nothing surprising, as IMC UK & Bristol are tiny forums for the last desperate cries of the British activist herd who are stuck in the mire of legalism and so-called ‘direct’ democracy. Despite continuous anarchist property destruction and the riots of 2011, the ‘movement’ has been shown to be almost totally out-of-touch and out-of-date; the fire of individual insurgency was not in need of amateur journalistic fleas, keyboard kaisers or do-gooder hyaenas.

The new anarchist international war also does not need or require such useless people, because it has created its own information structures and helped co-create and form many more, that have solidified struggles in the ‘social’ and ‘anti-social’. The informal international translation and counter-information network has a specific reality that comprises much more than any of its individual parts, one that has eclipsed many Indymedia sites that have been based on a very weak set of political and social values, largely based on the phoney social contract of civil rights, negotiation and legal defiance of democracy that characterised the ‘anti-summit’/anti-globalisation’ period from where it sprang 13 years ago. The informal internet anarchist network overcomes many of these previous sites of information activism, and an ongoing development is taking place internationally. Many of the prior spaces of the ‘movement’, physical and virtual, are now in the hands of the enemy, or might as well be.

Nothing but a stale socialist breeze of nostalgia for ‘better days’ will come from the ‘social/anarchist movement’ in the UK. Their civility is the polar opposite of the evolution of the new internationalist anarchy and next generation armed struggle. Civil anarchism denounces the new anarchist war, its methods, principles and they reject the insurrectional consciousness, revolutionary language and the individual awareness of the immediacy of the attack.
The recent trial in Genoa of Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai returns us to the Anarchist Federation UK/Libcom’s denunciation of the shooting of CEO Roberto Adinolfi. The imprisoned anarchists of the Olga Cell/FAI proved their dignified and revolutionary position against the court and to their courage. What is the legacy of civil anarchism in this moment? That of inaccurate and panicked statements proving their cowardice in the face of anarchist “terrorism”? Bickering, back-stabbing traitors, they are closer to the Socialist Workers Party, than the anarchist-communists of the past or the young rebels of today.

Only eager for substitutive power, because in their own lives they have none, the civil anarchists circulate around a symbolic movement like identity clones, their spaces and groups marionettes for police surveillance. Many of them immersed in illusions of quantity and social acceptance, they are still isolated by their cult-like subculture, and their actions have reinforced social peace as part of the democratic mechanism that keeps their inclusion within the regime’s political trap. Never will they risk their cultural niche.

Avoid the redundant corpses of the old anarchist organisations, activist groups and social centres. It is a trap to ensnare and profile the unwary and well-meaning. In the UK you will find few revolutionaries there. Develop your own revolutionary friendships, educate yourselves, train, strive for health, arm yourselves, research your targets and strike. Don’t waste your time with the lies of the amateur-professionals of the anti-establishment. Believe in yourselves, burn your past and live.

Anarchist-nihilists against the activist establishment

Two further arrests for FAI/ELF actions

July 27, 2014

The corporate press of the British regime are spewing police press releases claiming that they have arrested two young men for actions carried out by cells of the Informal Anarchist Federation / Earth Liberation Front. None of the young men have been reportedly charged yet and details are kept to what the police are willing to reveal. The police are not willing to publicise further details for fear of giving the ‘oxygen of publicity’ to the new anarchist urban guerrilla and the insurrectional fire of resistance. When info is scarce, these moments are for sharpening our determination towards the clash with the security forces, organising and developing our intentions, and preparing counter-plans to their repression. It’s not for spreading statements of victimisation and cowardice like the civil anarchists and their ‘social activist’ allies.

According to the news reports, one 30-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson of a communications mast in Bathampton last year. He was arrested on 25 July and was interrogated by detectives. This incendiary attack by ‘FAI/ELF – New Horizons of Burning Rage’ cut the television, radio and mobile phone coverage to 80,000 homes and happened on January 3, 2013. The relatively simple and repeatable action, like many of the attacks carried out by FAI/ELF, used methods anybody could research and execute. The attacks against the communications masts are done by burning the transmission conduit wires from the mast to the generator. The attack caused several hundred thousand pounds worth of damage, severed the brainwashing propaganda of the corporate regime for a short time, cut police telecommunications and was a high-profile attack making widely public the new urban anarchist guerrilla, the anti-system struggle and the fight of anarchist prisoner solidarity.
Detective Chief Inspector Andy Bevan, from Avon and Somerset Police’s Major Crime Investigation Team was responsible for issuing a press statement justifying the kidnapping of the man. At the time of the press statement, dated 25 July, the man had not been released and there was no more information. To date, the police have not issued a follow-up report, leading to an assumption that he has been released on bail as the police ‘continue their enquiries’ (usually a euphemism for lack of evidence to charge the suspect). Otherwise, the police would be making a great deal about the case and giving more attention to a breakthrough in their investigation which has so far had no success. Needless to say, we will continue to report on the situation. [Update: police have confirmed through the mass-media that this individual has been released without charge]

Also on 25 July, a young man aged 20 was arrested on suspicion of arson following car fires in Glebe Road, St. George last month, that FAI/ELF took responsibility for. After being questioned about the fires he was released on bail as police ‘continued their enquiries’.

These arrests come after another man, aged 33, was arrested on suspicion of ‘going equipped to commit a crime’ after his vehicle was stopped by officers in Bristol last month. He was questioned in connection with fires at communication masts in the area, that the FAI/ELF also took responsibility for, as part of the Phoenix Project. He was released without charges on police bail. There have been no more reports of the man being charged, or if he has been bailed further, and it should be clear by now that the police do not give news reports of their errors. Corporate regime newspapers ‘Daily Mail’, ‘Bristol Post’ and ‘Bath Chronicle’ are responsible for the collaboration with the security forces.

From looking at previous repressive waves, anarchists, freethinkers and anti-authoritarian rebels across the local area, nationally and internationally, should remain aware to the ongoing
investigations into the attacks which have been taking place. They too can become suspects based on their political-social orientations and dissident activities. In the case of widespread repression and/or specific raids and arrests, let’s organise to attack British interests abroad in solidarity with our comrades on prison island. Within the UK, we call all individuals and groups to start or intensify their actions, spread subversion and fight against the corruption, exploitation and brutality. Let’s not leave the incendiary minority alone in their struggle, let’s use all the means at our disposal and ability. Let’s join all the battles together in an asymmetric war against the ‘social peace’. For the death of civility and the society which breeds it. The passion for freedom is stronger than the prison!

Solidarity is our weapon!

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Police investigating the incendiary anarchist minority raid
Bristol IMC, who shut down their project

August 28, 2014

A report and warning posted on self-publishing civil activist “citizen-journalist” website “Bristol IMC”, advises that police have physically accessed their server and have gained possession of 16 months worth of IP addresses that were stored “accidentally” by an admin. Indymedia websites usually state that they don’t store IP addresses, but in this case it was a false policy. Indymedia was previously part of the anti-capitalist movement from the alter-globalist era, but has been recuperated by the liberal democratic system.

325 has long regarded the Bristol IMC project to largely be passed any relevancy and considered it as in the hands of the enemy for some time. It doesn’t surprise us at all that their server is now to become part of the regime’s hand to be used against the new anarchist urban guerrilla operating in the UK. This incident confirms our view that the admins of Bristol IMC were totally unprepared to be running a website such as they were and 325 was correct to position ourselves in antagonism towards them. Their persistent attempts to denigrate the new urban guerrillas and their lack of any kind of respect when we attempted to communicate to them means they will find no solidarity from us.

Bristol IMC’s recent cowardly and civil society orientated “statement” announcing that they were not going to be publishing any more communiques for destructive attacks on their pages also confirmed that they were the worst kind of pacifist-judiciary and cowards of the tendency of civil democracy. Fools who beg for their rights and proclaim their ‘innocence’. They can make their apologia in the courts with the rest of the activist sludge and stay far away from us with their appeals to the legal liturgy.

For the destructive attack against society and the state.
Bristol IMC additionally made this statement (NB: Indymedia UK now claim that this statement circulated above and reproduced here for the record is disinformation):

Bristol Indymedia site is now officially closed for good following a police raid targeting an anarchist group.

Bristol and South West region has seen recently a number of attacks and actions on State equipment and places of repression, attacks that were reported on Bristol Indymedia.

Bristol and Avon police obtained a court order to physically access the Bristol Indymedia server and all of its records in conjunction with their investigation into people who may have been involved. Regrettfully owing to an administration error by one of the techies all IP address details for the past 16 months were still stored on the server and these have been recorded by the police. We advise people to make personal security arrangements with this in mind.

We are working with a local firm of solicitors but at present do not anticipate the Bristol Indymedia site ever returning to a open publishing model although the diary page will remain.

The power of the State when threatened can be immense and we have seen that this week.

Love and rage everybody.

Bristol IMC

On of Bristol IMC collective
Police in Bristol appear to be stepping up their so far fruitless efforts to find individual anarchists and those that they think are responsible for property destruction actions over the last few years in Bristol. One year after their firearms training centre at Portishead was burnt down, they have turned to desperate measures to try and get any scrap of useful information.

They have made a number of arrests, detained people at airports, and raided people’s homes. The majority of people targeted have not even been charged with a crime, and we do not know of anyone who has been successfully prosecuted. Further, officers from CID have recently visited people at their homes under the pretext of having “a friendly chat”. Not surprisingly, they have been met with a resounding wall of silence with no cups of tea involved, as most good people understand the importance of not getting drawn into conversations with the police. Even if any one of the people recently harassed by these visits knew anything about these actions or the people involved, we are confident that common sense and solidarity would prevail and the police would get the sum total of zero information. Anything else would be working for the police.

These home visits, arrests, searches and requests to snitch are not just about information and evidence gathering. They have as much to do with a concerted effort to intimidate and divide us all. A big part of their plan is to scare people into inaction and to create divisions between us. They hope to get us blaming each other for increased surveillance to the point where someone falls for their lies and starts talking to the bad guys. These are tactics that have been used against social movements in countless places and times.

But they won’t work here in Bristol. None of us will ever co-operate with those whose job it is, all in the name of “security” and “safety”, to defend the rich and powerful while keeping us down.

We know that we are not the only people who face repression from the police – in no way do we want to compare what is happening to us to the things they are doing to others, for example their systematic use of anti-terrorism powers against people they see as Muslim. We oppose all police brutality and harassment, whoever they do it to. We also understand the need to stick together in the face of state control and repression. Anarchists and others targeted by the police have a wide range of opinions and preferred tactics, but we know who our comrades are and recognise the enemies at our front doors.

Signed:

- Bristol Defendant Solidarity
- Bristol Anarchist Black Cross
- South Wales Anarchists
- Bristol Solidarity Network
- Bristol Legal Observer Network
- Bristol SolFed
- Kebele Social Centre
- Riot Ska Records
- Rising Tide
- Spanner
- Bristol Hunt Saboteurs
- Empty Cages Collective
- Bristol AFed
- Bristol Animal Rights Collective
Here is some useful information on dealing with the police, both on the street and at your front door....

There are no friendly chats with the police! If police try to talk to you, we recommend you refuse to answer anything – answer “no comment” or “I am not obliged to answer that” to all questions. This isn’t just about protecting others – any other response will be taken by them as a sign of weakness, and they may hassle you more as a result. The ONLY time you legally have to tell them anything other than your name and address is if you are stopped at an airport under “Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act”. Even then, you do NOT have to answer questions about others, and they can ONLY ask you questions related to terrorism. If this happens to you, request a solicitor.

If police come to your door, do not let them in unless you have to. The only times they can force entry are when they have a warrant, when someone who lives at your house has been arrested, or in order to prevent a crime from happening. If you live in a shared house and someone is arrested, they can ONLY search communal areas and the room of the person arrested.

Dealing with police can be upsetting and intimidating, so it’s important that we support each other. Counselling For Social Change may be able to help if you need to talk through anything that’s happened www.counsellingforsocialchange.org.uk. Activist Trauma Support has a list of resources to help understand and deal with trauma – www.activist-trauma.net. The most important thing is to give each other space to talk without being given advice, and not to be left to deal with things alone.

Bristol Defendant Solidarity is a group of local people committed to putting principles of solidarity into practice and standing alongside anyone facing trouble from the authorities for involvement in radical politics. Anyone approached and hassled by the police to give information about people involved in struggle, here in Bristol or elsewhere, can contact BDS for support. We are also compiling a list of arrests, home visits and interviews at airports so far to get a clear picture of their lines of questioning, to track their operations and to use in any future court cases that people may want to bring against them.

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Cops at the door – some Bristol anarchists respond

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In the midst of a period of intensified police harassment of some anarchists & other radicals in & around Bristol, the Bristol Defendant Solidarity project and numerous other groups have issued a statement of defiance, mixing support & solidarity for those who need it, with legal advice & rights info. Here’s an excerpt: “These home visits, arrests, searches and requests to snitch are not just about information and evidence gathering. They have as much to do with a concerted effort to intimidate and divide us all. A big part of their plan is to scare people into inaction and to create divisions between us. They hope to get us blaming each other for increased surveillance to the point where someone falls for their lies and starts talking to the bad guys. These are tactics that have been used against social movements in countless places and times.” Read the full statement [above] and the legal info [online].
Since June 2014 police have escalated their efforts to find the persons unknown who have claimed online a series of targeted attacks against the infrastructure of capital and the state, most famously the burning down of a new police firearms training centre in Portishead just over a year ago. Whilst police have been hunting for the anarchist known as ‘Badger’ since late-summer 2011, when the Bristol (Evening) Post building was attacked for its complicity in the post-Tesco riots clampdown, their renewed efforts seem to have been triggered by an article in the Daily Mail on 1 June. This near-hysterical piece, including rent-an-MP quotes, was most likely planted in the media by Special Branch to prepare the ground, and has been followed up locally by regular articles in the Bristol Post (a part of the same right-wing media corporation). What facts their articles do contain, come not from any investigative journalism but appear to be largely from communiques posted regularly online by the aforementioned persons unknown claiming actions, which total way more than 50 over recent years. A 10 minute doc on BBC1 Inside Out West on 22 September followed the same story. Nobody it seems has so far been charged & prosecuted for these actions, and it appears the police have no more idea of who it is than the rest of Bristol does, beyond searching for the elusive ‘Badger’.

The 3 year fruitless police search for ‘Badger’ has resulted in infrequent searches & raids (often of squats), a few pointless arrests, a couple of police visits to individuals’ workplaces, and the stopping of a few individuals at airports. Since June 2014 this activity was ramped up, leading to at least 6 arrests of individuals. However as far as is known, most have been released without charge, a couple have ‘police bail’, and some suffered extensive police searches of their homes. It seems very much that these individuals were literally in the wrong place at the wrong time. In addition, it has become known that more people have been stopped at an airport under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000, but were not charged with anything. For a while the open-access news website Bristol Indymedia was the focus of police attention as a result of communiques posted to its newswire in recent years by persons unknown. Police visited various known activists in an attempt to find the people running B/Indymedia, and failing to do so they obtained a court order to seize its server in mid-August (details here), effectively shutting it down. This was the second seizure of the B/Indymeda server, the first was in June 2005, for a similar reason – the police hoped its server files would contain information about those posting up articles. But as in 2005, it doesn’t, and you’d have thought the police would have remembered that?! Subsequent to the server seizure, the police seem to have re-focused on finding ‘Badger’, visiting numerous known public activists at their homes and asking for information, and/or encouraging them to snitch, but getting no information and as often as not finding peoples front doors firmly shut.

It must by now be abundantly clear to the police that nobody knows anymore than they do
about ‘Badger’ and the persons unknown, and clearly the police have no useful evidence at all, so to an extent their harassment of activists can be laughed-off. Except that it is not funny. It is clearly an attempt to intimidate, probably an attempt to entrap, and possibly an attempt to fit someone (anyone) up so that they have something to show for all their wasted time – it would not be the first time British police have done that! Hence the statement above comes out now from activist groups offering defiance, and solidarity/support/advice for anyone feeling threatened.

At a time when the Tory/LibDem government, backed by most other parties, are suggesting removing protection of human rights and curtailing the freedom of anyone they deem to be an ‘extremist’ there seems to be an increasing momentum towards removing our traditional civil liberties and criminalising political dissent. The same laws introduced on the back of hysteria about Muslim terrorists can equally be turned against anyone the government wishes to target, just as the misuse of the Terrorism Act 2000 against political activists & protesters demonstrates. To do this they want to remove everyone’s right to privacy and snoop on your emails and phone calls. If this was Iran, China or Russia they would denounce it as undemocratic – but the citizens of the UK are all under suspicion by their own government.

The police are the most visible arm of our increasingly secretive surveillance state, sent out to do the dirty work of their political & corporate masters. We know from working class history and personal experience that the police everywhere are able to act with virtual impunity, unless we stop them. From the USA to Turkey, Hong Kong to the UK, police trample on political dissent, brutalise protesters, infiltrate campaigns, coerce female activists into relationships, and shoot to kill. It really doesn’t matter if you are a ‘peaceful’ or ‘violent’ protestor, to the state and the corporate bosses you are the enemy within. So we need to get our acts together, get back on the streets, get involved with campaigns or start new ones where they are needed, resist the increasing economic & political attacks on us, recognise we have more in common with each other than with the state & bosses, and above all demonstrate in whatever ways we are comfortable with some basic solidarity, support & mutual aid. Capitalism remains in crisis, expects us to pay for it, and in its desperation becomes ever more barbaric, but it only survives whilst we, the enormous majority, allow it to.

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"Since the Bristol Riots" is a collection of communiques from the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and other anonymous attacks in the Bristol area since the riots in April 2011 until October 2014.

The communiques include attacks targeted against police, banks, prisons, military, security services, courts, state, church, fascists, media, communications infrastructure, corporations and more.

Included is a selection of over a dozen articles related to this time frame and context, such as reports of the Stokes Croft riots and recent police repression against the broader anarchist movement as they investigate the attacks.